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Ir Benn wants power to compel City ıvestment in industry

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years, the financial cost ded investment and assist- ndustry on public account ild up to £3,000m a year Part of this expenditure will have *to be financed, through taxation,* at the expense of consumption and *immediate living standards. But if* the programme were entirely fin*anced in this way* the *large in*creases in taxation would intensify *cost inflation* and place an excessive burden on working people.

For that reason, part of the industrial programme must be financed by holding back less urgent investment in other sectors such as commerce, services, *property development,* and *in*vestment overseas. To achieve that, *investment* funds in the private sector would have to be guided in accordance with national priorities.

The main source of new funds *in the private* capital market was the contribution to life assurance and pension funds paid by or on behalf of working people.

The *net increase* in those funds, more than £3,000m a year, was at about the same level of total investment in manufacturing industry. Yet only about a *quarter of the* money accruing to those funds in recent years had been invested in the public sector or in private manufacturing industry.

The growth of such savings had shifted financial power into the hands of financial companies in the City, and the reinvestment of private savings was increasingly *controlled by the* decisions of a small financial community. That, the paper continues, had been responsible for the growing volatility in financial markets and recent heavy speculation in land and property.

To back up the industrial programme, it is essential that a large proportion of institutional funds should be reinvested in manufacturing industry". Insurance and pension companies should be required to channel minimum proportions of their new funds as loans to the National Enterprise Board or other public enterprises; as loans or new equity in large companies; as financial investment approved under planning agreements; or through a fund to finance manufacturing investment by small and medium-size companies.

Half the cost of the industrial programme might be found in this way. The other half, to be financed from taxation or cuts in other public expenditure, would then impose a budgetary cost rising over a 5 to 10-year period by only £200m to £300m a year.

Mr Benn and his *co-authors* see such a funding arrangement *leading to* "a major extension of public enterprise in manufacturing industry".

They then tread *on delicate* ground in the wake of the Budget *by stating that a high level* of demand and employment is essential. The main argument against maintaining full employment, they say, has been its *impact on the value of sterling.* Reflation of demand therefore depended on an effective programme to strengthen the balance of payments.

Such a programme, the paper says, must include measures to help British producers to compete in the home market and in world markets; strict limits on public and private spending overseas; and the monitoring through the new system of planning agreements of international transactions by big *multinational* companies.

It argues that the Government's planning system needs to be extended and improved. General policies and criteria *that* govern administrative

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danger of industrial ı the railways, however, *to have been averted* ime being, our Labour ites. If, as is expected, utives of the three rail- ons today endorse the ı of the offer, British rake the *dispute to the* Staff National Tribunal, s own arbitration ry, probably within the days.

Unless the unions also give their full agreement to an arbitration hearing, however, its findings will not be binding and there might be further trouble.

Mr Sidney Weighell, general secretary of the National Union *of Railwaymen, said after yes*terday's talks: "We are a long way apart, so there is no point in going on the merry-go-round of stage-by-stage offers. I be*lieve that our case for increases* of around 30 per cent will be unanswerable when we present them to the tribunal."

A confrontation with British *Rail had been averted* for the moment, he said.

The National Union of Seamen's leaders rejected the offer made to them at a meeting in London with the General Council of British Shipping. They had *previously rejected a 21 per cent* increase and after yesterday's *talks* asked the shipowners to improve their proposals. The two sides will meet again next Wednesday.

The offer by the shipowners was to consolidate threshold payments and improve basic rates. That would have put sea*men's wages 27½ per cent above* the levels of July, 1974, giving a consolidated rate of pay for an able seaman of £32.44½ and with average efficient service pay, £33.96½ a week.

The union originally claimed a basic rate for able bodied seamen of £40 for a 40-hour week and other improvements.

Wider EEC franchise demand is rejected

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

The Government last night *successfully resisted pressure* from MPs on both sides of the Commons who urged that the Referendum Bill franchise should be extended to allow *about 1,200,000 citizens living* or working abroad to vote on whether Britain should remain in the E.E.C. A Labour backbench amendment to that *effect,* supported by the Conservatives, was defeated by 251 votes to 211, a Government majority of 40.

Replying to the debate during *the Bill's* committee stage, Mr Short, Leader of the House, said that the Government had established that it would be possible to devise a makeshift scheme *by which citizens* abroad on June 5 would he *able to vote.*

But, he added, there were *matters* of principle as well as of practicality at stake. Was it right, for instance, that *people who had gone abroad* to avoid their obligations as citizens should have a vote? In any case, the principle that entitlement to vote rested on a residence qualification was fundamental to the electoral system.

There is no one in the Commons more skilled in the art of the diversionary tactic than the Prime Minister but yesterday he found himself *in difficulties* on the question of the rights of MPs to reject the verdict of the British people in the referendum. Mrs Thatcher challenged Mr Wilson to say whether he accepted the constitutional posi*tion that MPs could not* be fettered by the result of the referendum. Was he saying that whatever the turnout, whatever the vote, whatever the majority, however *small,* every member of the Labour Party would be expected to vote in accordance with the result, she asked.

Mr William Hamilton, Labour MP for Fife Central, said that if there was a 40 per cent poll and 21 per cent voted one way and 19 per cent the other, Mr Wilson could be assured that neither he nor *anyone* else would bind him on how he would vote.

In reply, Mr Wilson *spoke* of Mr Hamilton's "odd alliances" and of how Mrs Thatcher was herself fettered by the promise that Britain would not *join Europe without* the "full-hearted consent" of the British people.

"Yes or no", Mrs Thatcher demanded. Should MPs be fettered or should *they not?*

"I will certainly answer that", Mr Wilson said. "Yes, we shall accept the verdict of the British people by a majority *vote in the referendum.*" A moment later he added: "If a considerable number *decide* they do not want to vote we shall take account of those who do want to vote."

Earlier, Mr Wilson defined what he meant by "we" when he told Mrs Thatcher: "We, the Government, will accept this (verdict)—certainly."

Earlier, in the House of Lords, the Government's White Paper recommending that the renegotiated terms of entry should be accepted was approved by 261 votes to 20, government majority, 241.

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South Vietnam politicians call for peace talks

From Peter Hazelhurst
Saigon, April 22

As senior field commanders advised the South Vietnamese Government today *that their* troops could not defend Saigon for more than 48 hours if the communists launched an all-out attack on the capital, an *overwhelming number of representa*tives in the National Assembly passed a resolution calling for peace negotiations.

The senators, former *supporters of ex-President Thieu,* who resigned yesterday, passed a resolution supporting the new President Mr Tran Van Huong, but they called for an *immediate ceasefire and peace negotia*tions with the communists.

However, a spokesman for the communist National Liberation Front forces dashed hopes that *the Provisional Revolutionary* Government (PRG) will negotiate surrender terms with the new régime even though General Thieu has stepped *down.*

Major Phuong Nam, the Vietcong spokesman, said *President* Huong was unacceptable and General Thieu's resignation and the transfer of power was "a treacherous trick by the United States to maintain a Thieu *clique in power*".

Mr Tran Van Tuyen, leader of the opposition national socialist block in the Lower House of South Vietnam's National Assembly, *said that ex-President* Thieu's exit from power "provides a genuine opportunity for peace, but there is no chance of negotiations while the old régime clings on".

Mr Duong Van (Big) Minh, the former head of state and one of ex-President Thieu's bitter political opponents, also *predicted* that the communists would not negotiate peace or surrender with personalities who were closely associated with General Thieu. "What we *need is an entirely new Gov*ernment", he said.

Meanwhile, the British Embassy in Saigon made final preparations to evacuate its *staff today as 15 communist* infantry divisions supported by armour closed *in around* the six Government divisions defending the capital. Members of the embassy staff were seen carrying bags *of files from* the building. The American Embassy also continued to evacuate non-essential nationals and their Vietnamese families.

Military sources indicated that the Government had suffered another setback 37 miles north-east of the capital as the South Vietnamese troops aban*doned the provincial capital of* Xuan Loc. The remnants of the *18 Division* and two paratroop brigades which defended the town for more than two weeks had been cut *off by a* communist road block and were *now attempting* to retreat and fight their way back towards Saigon, the sources said.

The reality of the rapid communist advance towards Saigon was *brought home* to residents today when a huge explosion rattled windows in the city centre. The army said the blast was caused by a *communist shell destroying a bomb* dump at Bien Hoa airbase, 17 miles to the north-east.

Hongkong, Wednesday morning.—Vietcong forces have *gained control of the coastal* town of Ham Tan, 75 miles east of Saigon, the Vietcong's Giai *Phong press agency* reported in a message monitored here today.

The town's capture was *seen* as an important stage in the communists' advance on Vung *Tau, the main port left open* still serving Saigon.—Reuter.

Saigon, April 22.—The new communist leader of Cambodia ended a five-day blackout on broadcasts *from Phnom Penh* today and said his Khmer Rouge régime would follow a neutral and non-aligned policy.

Mr Khieu Samphan, the *Deputy Prime Minister* and strong man in the new Government, said on Radio Phnom Penh (*monitored here*): "The future policy of Cambodia will be one of *neutrality* and *independence* within our own borders." He told the Cambodian people "to remain vigilant and realize that many obstacles still *remain to be overcome.*"—UPI.

Photograph and American evacuation plans, page 8

Photograph by Robin Laurance

Two youngsters taking advantage of the spring sunshine in Coram's Fields, London, yesterday, when the temperature rose to 23°C.

Motive behind Shelepin downfall

By a Special Correspondent

Mr Alexander Shelepin, head of the Soviet trade union organization really did resign from the Politburo after his visit to Britain. He was not pushed. This, at any rate, is the curious and unexpected information filtering out of Moscow from usually good sources. If true it marks an unusual event in *Soviet politics—so unusual that* nobody really imagined it could be true.

The story is that Mr Shelepin was very angry that the Soviet *press and leadership did not* protest openly against the treatment he had received in Britain.

He felt badly let down and *fired off a letter of resignation.* He may have hoped that it would be rejected, as he has friends in the Central Committee who might have rallied round. But it was accepted and then announced on April 16. For once the words "at his own *request*" were *true—or may* have been.

One reason why the official press did not back him, it is suggested, is that it did not know how *to* explain the British demonstrations to Soviet readers.

It could not blame the British Government because it is *Soviet policy to seek good* relations with Britain; it could not explain the grievances of the Ukrainian and Jewish demonstrators and it could not *explain how they could demon*strate without at least the connivance of the British Government. Spontaneous demonstrations do not exist in Soviet eyes.

Nor could the British people be blamed because they are all supposed to want good relations with the Soviet Union. As a result the whole issue was largely avoided.

But it is also true that Mr Shelepin's position was already weak. Mr Brezhnev, the party *leader* was probably not sorry to see him discredited, and saw no reason to support him. Mr Shelepin played a leading role in ousting Nikita Khrushchev and wanted *the top job himself.* There was opposition, and Mr Brezhnev was chosen as a supposedly *temporary* compromise, but Mr Brezhnev never lost his *suspicion of Mr Shelepin's in*tentions.

Whether Mr Shelepin will retain his trade union job and his seat on the Central Com*mittee appears still uncertain.* He has support among conservatives, who are stronger in the Central Committee than in the Politburo, and they will be able to argue that it would be wrong to appear to give in to foreign demonstrators.

Prince of Wales visit to India

The Prince of Wales will visit India in the autumn at the invitation of Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, it was confirmed in London yesterday.

The invitation was extended to him recently when he stopped over in Delhi on his way to the *coronation of the King of Nepal.*

The Foreign Office denied a report that they had advised the Prince not to accept the invitation and that it was accepted *only after representations from* the Indians and Lord Mountbatten of Burma. A spokesman said: "The Foreign Office advice was in favour of the visit *of the Prince of Wales to India,* which we very much welcome."

The *Indian* High Commission knew nothing of any representations.

sbon coup report ls of 'massacre plan'

cholas Ashford
April 22

im of the abortive coup in Portugal on March to restore General the *former President,* r, according to a report d in Lisbon today. It s *that General Spinola,* d to Spain after the had failed and is now exile in *Brazil,* was in- n the plot at least two before it was carried

report, prepared by a committee set up last was made public less hours before the coun- rst free election for half a century. It does ctly *implicate* any of the parties taking part in ction, but it contains es which could be dama- the Socialist Party and tre-left Popular Demo- arty (PPD).

rticular, it refers to the st campaign" which d the coup attempt. It that *warnings* about the ity of civil war by "cer- esponsible politicians" designed to create a of instability and ten- the country.

report *does not name* sponsible, but Dr Soares, ialist Party leader, and arneiro, the head of the ıd both referred publicly *ossibility of civil war.*

eport attacks the weekly tion, *Expresso,* which is y a PPD *leader, for pub-* an interview with Spinola in January the report says, tried to him as a "national ".

eport is only preliminary l be followed by a fuller at a *later date. It says* arch 11 saw the culmina- the "biggest campaign unted by the forces of international and national *capitalism and the high finan*cial and industrial bourgeoisie against the young and growing Portuguese democracy".

Active preparations for the *coup* began only in January, but there was an earlier campaign waged to undermine the country's leadership. This involved attempts to isolate and *discredit the Armed* Forces Movement by accusing it of being controlled by the Communist Party, a campaign against the Communist Party itself as well as attempts at economic sabotage.

Active plotting by General Spinola's supporters is said to have begun at Massama, where *one of the* general's brothers has a country house. The report claims that a draft of a speech which the general intended to make when he returned to *power had been discovered.* A copy of it is contained in an annexe to the report.

According to the *investigating* committee, the pretext for the coup was an *alleged plan for* an "Easter massacre" of 500 members of the armed forces *and 1,000 civilians.* This was to be carried out by the extreme leftist organization LUAR (League of Revolutionary Union and Action) operating from an artillery regiment's barracks north of Lisbon, which were bombed by rebel aircraft during the coup attempt.

Apparently information about the alleged Easter massacre was *given to a member of the* armed forces by the Spanish secret police. The report says that it confirmed similar information which General Spinola *had previously received* from the French Secret Service

According to the report, a member *of the* former Pide secret police now in prison plan to eliminate a number of military and political leaders. These included President Costa *Gomes, Brigadier* Vasco *Gon*calves, the Prime Minister, Dr Soares, and the entire leadership of the Communist Party.

Sterling at lowest level, but shares surge

The pound fell to its weakest level ever yesterday on the international foreign exchanges. *This was caused* by increasing nervousness that Mr Healey, the Chancellor, now sees a fall in the pound's exchange rate as *preferable* to propping it up with borowed money. Share prices *rose strongly* and the *FT index* closed a net 17.9 points higher at 355.5. Sizeable buying *by private investors* was reported Page 19

Writer's warning on Czechoslovak crisis

Mr Vaclav Havel, one of Czechoslovakia's best known *young playwrights,* in an *open* letter warned Dr Gustav Husak, the party leader, that the country "is being under*mined* by an ever deepening inner crisis". In the letter *he* examines the moral and artistic decay *in the country* and the *price* of "consolidation" Page 9

20 years' bad housing

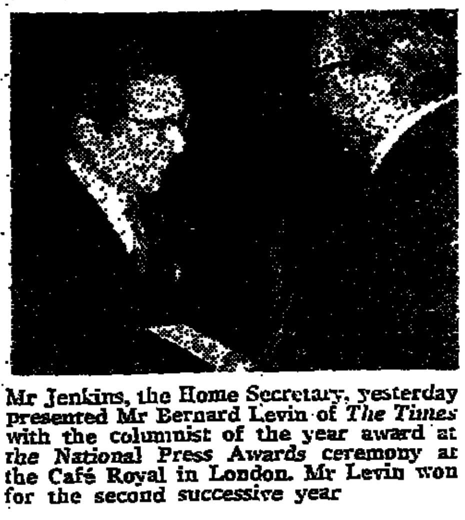
Housing is the shuttlecock of parties, Mr *Roy* Emerson *told the Royal Society* for Health yesterday. Mr P. J. Dixon said the fight for decent homes for all had been *going on for 80 years,* yet most of the worst housing in that time had been built in the past 20 years Page 6

Threat to Briton

President *Amin* of Uganda said yesterday that Mr Dennis Hills, a Briton, who is to be tried in Kampala on a charge of sedition and *spying,* would be liable to trial by a military tribunal. If found guilty, the tribunal has the *power to order his exe*cution by firing squad Page 9

Exorcism murder fear

A vicar told the "exorcism" inquest yesterday that he *saw murder* in the eyes of Mr Michael Taylor, who later killed his wife, during an exorcism ceremony. His wife had tried to telephone their family doctor but the number was unobtainable, he said Page 2



Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary, yesterday presented Mr Bernard Levin of *The Times* with the columnist of the year award at *the National Press Awards* ceremony at the Café Royal in London. Mr Levin won for the second successive year

School-leaving age effects defended

A government report on the effects of the raising of the school-leaving age says *that* classroom troublemakers are only about a tenth of all 16-year-olds, but that they cause *difficulties out of all proportion* to their numbers. Misbehaviour, it says, has disrupted some work, but the trouble is *confined* to particular schools Page 4

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Building societies decide today

A decision will be taken today on the future level of building society interest rates. It is expected that the investment rate will be cut by 0.5 per cent to 7 per cent, but there is little likelihood of a *drop in the* 11 per cent mortgage rate Page 19

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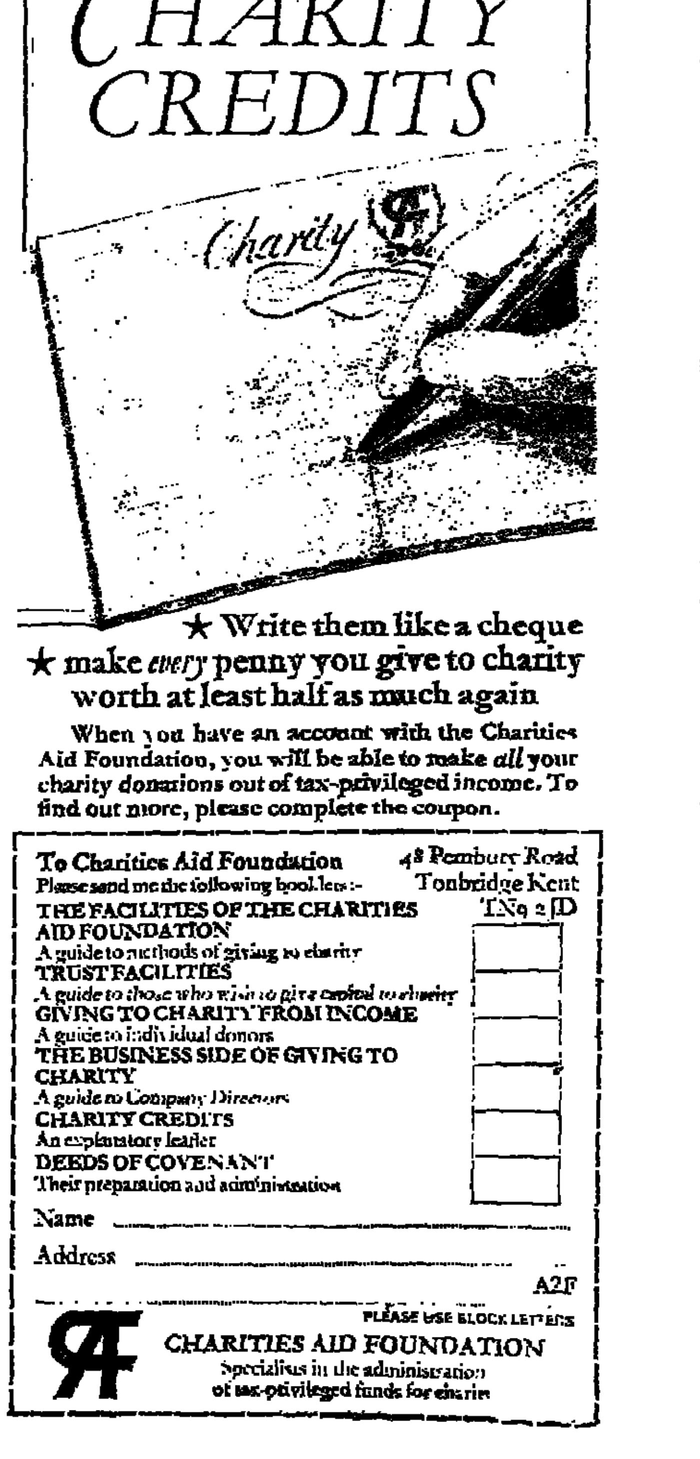

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Look of murder was in man's eyes during exorcism ceremony, vicar tells inquest

A vicar who took part in an exorcism ceremony on Mr Michael Taylor saw in his eyes a look that he could only describe as that of murder towards the end of the service, an inquest at Wakefield, West Yorkshire, was told yesterday.

The inquest was on Mr Taylor's wife, Christine, aged 29, the mother of five children, whom he killed after the exorcism. He is now detained in Broadmoor.

The Rev Peter Vincent, of St Thomas's Church, Gawber, Barnsley, said there were three evil spirits that had not been expelled from Mr Taylor during the exorcism at his church. They were violence, anger and murder.

Arrangements were made for Mr and Mrs Taylor to return to their home in Havercroft, Ossett, near Wakefield.

Mr Philip Gill, the Wakefield coroner, asked: "Did you have any misgivings?"

Mr Vincent replied: "Very, very strongly. We did feel very strongly that if Christine returned home without any protection there could be serious trouble. There could have been a murder.

"There was in Michael's eyes, towards the end of the ministry in the vestry, a look I can only describe as that of murder."

His wife tried to telephone their family doctor but the number was unobtainable.

Mr Gill said: "If murder is a risk the people who would be concerned about that would be the police. There was a danger of a serious crime being committed."

Mr Vincent said they worked on the basis of the medical profession at first.

Mr Julian Hallam, for the Taylor family, asked Mr Vincent: "When you finished, you say there were spirits still left in Michael Taylor?"

Mr Vincent replied: "Yes."

Mr Hallam continued: "So these spirits are still there as far as you are aware?"

Mr Vincent said: "It is possible for evil spirits to be cast out in absentia and there has been a prayer for this. Whether they have been cast out, I cannot say."

Mr Hallam asked: "Would you accept that with psychiatric help from Broadmoor he has now almost fully recovered?" Mr Vincent said he had been told so.

Earlier, Miss Marie Robinson, aged 22, a member of a religious group to which Mr aylor belonged, said that on one of her visits to the Taylors' home Mr Taylor crouched over her "ready to kill". She added: "It was like pictures of lions ready to kill their prey."

A few minutes before the attack he had kissed her when his wife was out of the room.

"The whole of my being just reacted completely against that. We just snapped apart. It was like a clash of wills, a clash of spirits perhaps, and I said: 'Mike, you know all this is wrong. You know you love Chris (Mrs Taylor)'."

Mr Taylor agreed, she continued, and when his wife returned to the room he said: "We have won a great victory for the Lord. A miracle has happened. We have both overcome our passions."

Miss Robinson added: "I suddenly glanced at Mike, and his whole features seemed to have changed. He looked almost bestial. He kept looking at me and there was a really wild look in his eyes. I started screaming at him out of fear.

"I started speaking in a tongue. . . . Mike also screamed at me in a tongue. Mike started slapping my face. . . .

"I realized we were at the other side of the room, with him crouching over me ready to kill. I really tasted fear in my mouth.

"I was on the verge of death and I seemed to come to my senses. I knew that only the name of Jesus would save me and I just started saying over and over again, 'Jesus'.

"When Chris heard me calling on the name of Jesus she started saying his name, and I believe firmly that it was only by calling on his name that I was not killed."

Dr Hugo Milne, consultant psychiatrist to the Bradford group of hospitals, said that before Mrs Taylor's death Mr Taylor "was a stable, intelligent, hard-working young man with no signs of mental illness".

During the weeks that preceded the tragedy he became involved in an emotional relationship within the Christian Fellowship group and began to show signs of "what I would describe, as a doctor, as mental illness". During the exorcism, Mr Taylor was "demonstrating . . . a condition of hyperventilation".

Dr Milne added: "If you breathe repeatedly and quickly you alter your consciousness and can behave in an aggressive and uncontrolled way." He thought the exorcism "was the ultimate trigger-mechanism which led to Mrs Taylor's death".

He believed Mr Taylor was already mentally ill, and being subjected to a period of many hours of emotional stress had an obvious and logical connexion. Mr Taylor was "now clinically and legally sane but he is under stress of continuing to live with what he has done".

Dr Milne said he believed that Miss Robinson was a dominant person as far as Mr Taylor was concerned.

The inquest continues today.

'Offers of blank cheques to solicitor'

Several blank cheques were offered to Richard Scholes, a solicitor, in a £2.4m land deal when he said he had forgotten his cheque book, it was alleged at St Albans Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Scholes, aged 32, refused the offers, and his uncle, Joseph Smith, a retired shopkeeper, paid the £242,500 deposit with the promise of a banker's draft the next day. But it never arrived, Mr James Miskin, QC, for the prosecution, said.

Mr Scholes, of Holme Island, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria, has denied procuring the execution of a valuable security by deception, obtaining property by deception, obtaining a pecuniary advantage by deception, fabricating false evidence, and five charges of perjury. Mr Smith, of Timsway, Egham, Surrey, has denied three similar charges of deception and three charges of perjury.

Mr Miskin had earlier alleged that the deal took place at Royston Town Hall, Hertfordshire, in June, 1972, and involved the 2,435-acre Newsells Park Estate in Hertfordshire, the former home of the late Sir Humphrey de Trafford.

Mr Miskin said that after a successful bid Mr Scholes approached the auctioneer and explained that he had left his cheque book at home. Mr Peter Oldfield, the auctioneer, said several people offered theirs.

Mr Wilfred Dean, a solicitor who appeared on behalf of the de Trafford family at the auction, told the court that Mr Scholes had told him that where he came from it was usual to pay the deposit by cheque and send a banker's draft the next day.

Mr Dean added: "I said I had never heard of that custom myself and told Mr Oldfield that we could not exchange contracts without a cheque. Someone said they could get a cheque form, and went to get one. There was a certain amount of conversation, and Scholes said it was all right, as his colleague could give a cheque."

Mr Dean said he had attended many auctions of that type.

Mr Miskin asked: "Have you ever accepted payment by banker's draft?" Mr Dean replied: "No, I have not."

Mr Sanderson Temple, QC, for the defence, suggested to Mr Roy Hewitson, Mrs de Trafford's personal solicitor, that a cheque was offered for the next day, and not a banker's draft. Mr Hewitson said it was not.

He added: "For an amount of that size I should have liked to see a draft. It was made clear that Mr Smith did not want his cheque to be presented and he was relying upon Scholes to have the banker's draft in the hands of Knight, Frank and Rutley the following morning."

The trial continues today.

Some of the cast of *The Black Mikado* at rehearsals yesterday. Directed by Braham Murray, i opens at the Cambridge Theatre, London, tomorrow.

IRA says it shot 'spy' soldier

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

As the ceasefire between the Provisional IRA and the Army moves into its tenth week, renewed allegations about the activities of military undercover squads were embarrassing the Government last night.

The allegations came after the shooting of a soldier dressed in plain clothes in Falls Road last Saturday. In a statement yesterday, the Belfast brigade of the Provisional IRA claimed responsibility and added that it had tangible evidence that the man was on an intelligence mission.

The Army has consistently refused to say what he was doing beyond repeating that he was on unspecified "administrative duties".

In its statement the Provisional IRA claimed to have recovered hard evidence of the soldier's spying activities from the white van he was driving when he was shot. The Provisionals maintain that the wounded soldier was part of an undercover squad of four whose activities in the Falls district had been observed in detail before the shooting was ordered.

The statement added: "The activity of the undercover unit was a definite and serious breach of the truce, as evidence discovered in a subsequent search of the unmarked van has proved. This consisted of a tape recorder, tape of British Army issue and radio manuals. The material contained on the tape listed the names of approximately 30 members of the republican movement who had been shadowed and their movements noted."

The Belfast brigade also maintained that the squad had spied on the Sinn Fein incident centre in Falls Road, one of seven set up by agreement with the Government as part of the ceasefire arrangement. They said it had been observed constantly, that it had been referred to by a code name, and that all visitors had been photographed.

To intensify the Government's embarrassment at the incident the Provisionals plan a press conference later this week to show off their finds. They allege that the evidence shows that the wounded man was part of a team from the Special Air Services.

The Army has run several bizarre undercover operations during its involvement in the Ulster crisis. Those have included the Four Square Laundry, the planting of men and women in supposedly innocent jobs in republican areas, and surveillance from unmarked vehicles.

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British Rail to reopen two country stations

By Robert Parker

Two stations closed in th 1960s, are to be reopened b British Rail after pressure from local councils. In one case vi lagers raised money for repair to the station.

The stations are Magdalen Road, near Watlington, south o King's Lynn, which closed i 1968; and Ruskington, betwee Lincoln and Sleaford, whic closed in 1961. Both are in the Eastern Region, and reopen a unmanned stations on May 5.

British Rail became interested in reopening Magdalen Roa after four local residents had formed a pressure group, and conducted a survey of people living in the station's catchment area. Within three months the group raised the £550 needed for lighting and fencing. Norfolk County Council is also providing a grant of about £100.

Magdalen Road is six miles from King's Lynn on the London line, and will have 13 stops a day. There will be 15 stops a day at Ruskington.

British Rail said yesterday: "With local authority sup and pressure, and with other factors such as the fuel crisis and different travel demands British Rail expect many more stations to reopen. Ruskington is being used by Lincolnshire County Council as a test case. If it works, they will consider giving grants to other stations."

'General spirit of ceasefire continuing'

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

Obviously concerned about the possible effects on the ceasefire of the shooting of a soldier in Belfast, the Northern Ireland Office issued a statement last night after discussions involving civil servants, politicians and the Army. It said:

> In their statement issued today the Provisional IRA have admitted the attempted murder of the member of the security forces who was shot in the Falls Road area on Saturday, April 19. As stated at the time, this soldier was engaged on routine administrative duties. These duties were in support of those concerned with checking that the ceasefire was being maintained. It has always been made clear that the Army has not lowered its guard, and it is necessary to ensure that the ceasefire is being maintained.
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> The evidence to date is that the general spirit of the ceasefire is continuing. Nevertheless, events such as the explosions at Great Victoria Street on April 5 and in the Bank Buildings on April 8, for which the Provisional IRA has admitted responsibility, as well as some other acts of violence for which they have not admitted responsibility, show that it is essential that good faith should not be taken on trust.
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> It is, of course, a manifest absurdity that the Provisional IRA should seek to equate precautions of this kind with murder squads. People of Northern Ireland will note that it was the Provisional IRA who sought to murder a member of the security forces and will be able to draw their own conclusions about murder squads.

The statement said that the shot soldier, a member of the Royal Engineers, was discharged from hospital yesterday and has returned to duty.

Tory call to set free jail children

By Our Political Editor

After a meeting between the Conservative home affairs committee and leaders of the Magistrates' Association, the Shadow Cabinet last night fully supported a Conservative backbench campaign to end the committal to prison of children under 17 awaiting trial.

There are 170 boys and girls awaiting trial in adult prisons although the offences with which they have been charged do not carry the penalty of imprisonment.

An early-day motion tabled in the Commons by senior members of the committee "profoundly regrets the present practice of remanding children under 17 in prison while awaiting trial for offences for which, because of their age, a sentence of imprisonment cannot be imposed".

It urges the Government to provide "as a first priority" facilities for children under the local authority community home system.

The main signatories are Mr Ian Gilmour, shadow Home Secretary, Mr Edward Gardner, QC (South Fylde), Mr Michael Alison (Barkston, Ash), Mr Carol Mather (Esher), Mr Mark Carlisle (Runcorn), Mr William van Straubenzee (Wokingham), and many Conservative lawyers.

Prime Minister challenges Mrs Thatcher on trade

By Our Political Staff

The Prime Minister denied yesterday a suggestion made by Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, that the balance of payments was worse under the present government than it had been under any other. He said Mrs Thatcher should correct her statement in the Commons on April 8.

Replying to a letter from Mr James Tinn, Labour MP for Teesside, Redcar, Mr Wilson wrote:

> The trend of our trading performance since March of last year has shown a steady improvement. Our non-oil deficit has been substantially reduced. In the three months to February of this year our current account would have been in surplus after discounting the direct effect of the price increases in oil. Even when the effect of the oil price increases is included the current account deficit in the three months December, 1974, to February, 1975, was substantially lower than in the same three months a year earlier, when the effect of the oil price increases had not fully worked through.

Mr Wilson added that he was leaving out of account the even more favourable March figures, when we were in overall surplus on current account.

> But it is clear that the favourable underlying trend was maintained in the increase in exports and the containment of oil imports which were unaffected by the docks dispute.
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> I have to say therefore that the Leader of the Opposition's statement was seriously misleading.

Strike delays journalists' conference

From Trevor Fishlock
Cardiff

The National Union of Journalists' annual conference was unable to open as planned yesterday, because of a picket by electricians who have been on strike for 11 weeks in a dispute with Cardiff City Council.

After meeting the electricians, the union's leaders abandoned hopes of holding their conference in the city hall. Instead they found a large hotel room. The conference is now due to start today.

The agenda includes two urgent debates: on newspaper closed shops and press freedom and on the serious state of the union's finances.

The electricians, who are on strike over pay, told the 400 NUJ delegates that their picket would still be in force during the evening, preventing journalists from going to a reception by the lord mayor.

After all that, and the fact that some of the organizers were annoyed by the refusal of hotels to give reductions for block bookings, the Croeso i Gymru (Welcome to Wales) slogan on the journalists' trade paper, was looking a little frayed around the edges by the end of the day.

At last the delegates were called to the hotel room where the conference will now be held.

Mr Kenneth Morgan, Secretary of the NUJ, said: "There is no question of our crossing the electricians' picket line." He had understood until the end of last week that the conference would go ahead. However, he said, the electricians had stepped up their campaign in the previous two or three days.

Henry Moore sculpture fell off lorry

A sculpture by Henry Moore has been in a garage since last Friday waiting for someone to collect it. It was being taken to Southampton on a lorry that overturned on the Winchester by-pass.

Mr Peter Shawyer, service manager at the garage said yesterday that one of the crates containing the sculpture burst open spilling its load on to the road. He did not think the sculpture was damaged.

The lorry driver had told him the sculpture, intended for shipment to Geneva, was by Henry Moore and insured for £50,000. Mr Moore was not available for comment yesterday but a woman at his house said they had not heard about the accident. Several pieces of work had recently been sent to Geneva.

Winchester police said last night that heavy lifting gear had to be used to raise the sculpture from the road.

Moderate engineers miss chance to back contract

From Raymond Perman
Labour Staff, Blackpool

Moderates in the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers lost an opportunity yesterday to pledge support for the social contract, an event that, in the present strained atmosphere, would have helped the Government's relationship with trade unions.

Right-wingers have a majority on the 52-man national committee of the union. Faction leaders wanted to use that superiority at the committee's meeting in Blackpool to defeat left-wing moves to reject the social contract.

However, motions on the social contract have been accidentally referred to the annual conference in June, which is likely to favour the militants.

In a debate on pay for workers in the electricity supply industry, moderates had the word "substantial" substituted for a specific figure in next year's pay claim.

Left-wingers, who prefer a specific wage target, found it difficult to defend a claim for £50 basic pay in 1976, a remnant from last year's conference, because the present 32 per cent pay offer, now being put to the ballot, would give craftsmen a basic £45 a week.

Moderates will try today to repeat their success by calling for "substantial" increases in general engineering pay next year. Left-wingers will try to tie the union to a claim for a £60-a-week basic rate for skilled men.

Mr Reginald Birch criticized as "anti-union" the decision to put the Electricity Council's offer to the membership in a ballot conducted by the Electoral Reform Society.

Bank may sue Mr Stonehouse for £188,000

By a Staff Reporter

London Capital Group, the secondary bank founded by Mr John Stonehouse, may sue him for £188,000, bank officials con firmed yesterday. The money is owed the bank under M Stonehouse's personal guaran tee by Export Promotions an Consultancy Services Ltd, a former Stonehouse compan which went into liquidation i February.

A bank official said: "Befor a writ is taken out formally w wish to wait to see if he i brought back to Britain fro Australia."

Six writs have so far bee issued against Mr Stonehou personally for a total £193,57 Judgment has been entere against him on three of the including one from Lond Capital Group for £24,000.

Man jumped in front of train

An income tax demand f more than £1,000 was found the body of a man who jump in front of a train at Prest Road station, Wembley, March 20 the Hornsey coron was told yesterday.

Passengers said they saw Brian Rice, aged 41, a plaster of Mill Lane, Hampstead, d berately jump in front of train. The coroner recorded verdict that Mr Rice killed hi self.

Vietnam child inquest

An inquest at Horn London, into the hospital de of a four-month-old Vietnam orphan was opened yeste and adjourned provisionally May 27.

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Bill on industrial democracy upsets Cabinet

By Michael Hatfield
Political Staff

Cabinet ministers have been faced with the embarrassing decision to halt a private member's Bill on industrial democracy sponsored by a Labour backbencher and keenly supported by the TUC.

The decision was made at an hour-long session of a Cabinet committee yesterday. It is now expected that pressure will be placed on the sponsor, Mr Radice (Chester-le-Street), a former head of research of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, to withdraw his Bill without making too much fuss.

The Government is faced with the embarrassing situation partly by a lapse of its own whips, who allowed the Bill to slip through and get an unopposed second reading.

Ministers have several objections to the Bill as it stands. There is a prime objection from the Department of Trade, which belives the Bill will cut right across its own proposals, which it hopes to bring forward in a major Bill.

Mr Radice said last night that he had no intention of withdrawing his Bill unless he received from the Cabinet a specific commitment that there would be government legislation in the next session.

The importance of the Bill can be judged from the fact that 13 Cabinet Ministers, including the Prime Minister, attended yesterday's meeting.

Accident verdict in cliff death

An inquest jury at Brighton yesterday returned a verdict of accidental death on Stephen Roberts, aged 22, of Belfast, who died after falling down a 100ft cliff in January, 1974.

A coroner's verdict of suicide, recorded at an inquest in February last year, was quashed in the High Court in December on the application of the dead man's father.

Shipwreck sailor defied dog quarantine law

From Our Correspondent
Southampton

Mr Alan Learmouth, a fisherman, was shipwrecked in the yacht in which he had put all his life savings and then was told that his pet dog, rescued with him, would have to be destroyed because he could not afford to pay for her to be quarantined, Southampton magistrates were told yesterday.

The car ferry Leopard, which rescued Mr Learmouth and his family in the Channel, moored at a French port before returning to Britain and although the dog, Dollar, was kept in an isolation kennel on board, she was still subject to quarantine regulations, the court was told.

Mr Learmouth, aged 36, of Channel View Road, Eastbourne, took the black mongrel and leapt from the ship on to the quayside at Southampton and ran off. He later hitchhiked home. Yesterday he pleaded guilty to failing to place the dog in quarantine and landing the animal in contravention of an order under the Rabies Act. He was fined £100.

Milk supplies are down by tenth

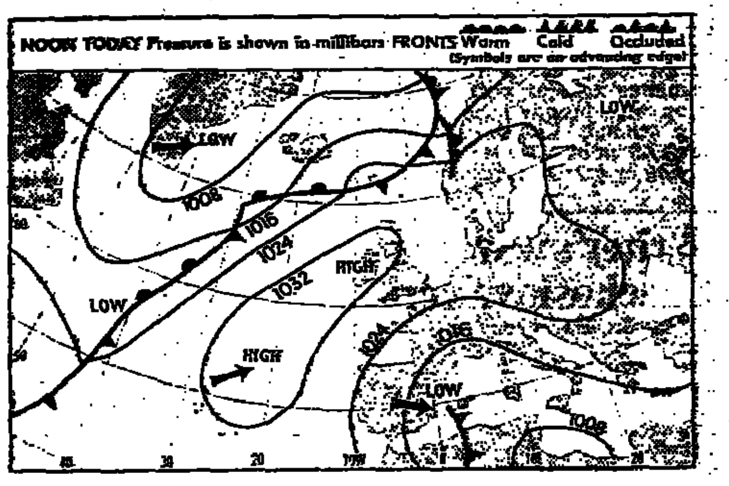
Milk supplies this week may be a tenth below the figure for the corresponding week last year, the Milk Marketing Board said yesterday.

That meant that although enough milk was available for sale in liquid form, only one packet of butter in 20 sold in this country had been produced from milk from a British dairy herd.

Voucher call to cut fish stocks

The Government was called on yesterday to press for the introduction of consumption vouchers for pensioners at the next meeting of EEC agriculture ministers, to help to reduce British stocks of fish.

Weather forecast and recordings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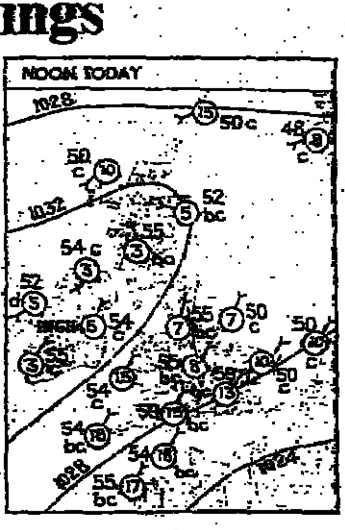

Today

Sun rises: 5.30 am Sun sets: 8.10 pm
Moon sets: 4.20 am Moon rises: 5.31 pm

Full moon: April 25.

Lighting up: 8.40 pm to 5.18 am. High water: London Bridge, 12.48 pm, 7.0m (23.1ft). Avonmouth, 5.32 am, 12.4m (40.8ft); 6.24 pm, 12.8m (42.0ft). Dover, 9.45 am, 6.3m (20.7ft); 10.8 pm, 6.6m (21.6ft). Hull, 4.48 am, 6.7m (21.9ft); 4.59 pm, 7.0m (23.1ft). Liverpool, 9.57 am, 8.9m (29.1ft); 10.28 pm, 9.1m (29.7ft).

A ridge of high pressure extending across the British Isles and the central North Sea from an anticyclone W of Ireland will persist.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, central S, central N England, Midlands: Rather cloudy at first with mist patches, but sunny spells developing later; wind N light, max temp 14°C (57°F).

SE, E England, East Anglia, Channel Islands: Mostly cloudy at first but sunny spells later, chiefly inland; wind N to NE light or moderate; max temp 14°C (57°F) but lower on coasts.

SW England, Wales: Some fog patches at first but sunny spells later; wind NE light, max temp 15°C (59°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mainly dry and rather warm after overnight fog patches, but E districts of England will be rather cloudy, night and morning, with drizzle and temps near normal.

Sea passages: S North Sea: Wind NE moderate, increasing fresh; sea slight becoming moderate.

Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind NE fresh, becoming strong; sea moderate becoming rough.

St George's Channel: Wind E moderate, becoming fresh; sea slight becoming moderate.

Irish Sea: Wind NE moderate, becoming fresh; sea slight becoming moderate.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 23°C (73°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 10°C (50°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 51 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm, 12.3 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1023.7 millibars, rising.

1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; m, mist; r, rain; s, sun.

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Algiers	m	18	64	Chicago	s	14	57	L. Palmas	c	19	66	Nice	s	19	66
Amstrdm	f	19	66	Cologne	s	20	68	Lisbon	[illegible]	14	57	Nicosia	f	20	68
Athens	s	19	[illegible]	Copnhgn	s	11	52	Locarno	s	21	70	Oslo	f	[illegible]	46
Barcelona	f	18	64	Dublin	f	14	57	London	s	19	66	Ottawa	s	10	50
Beirut	s	19	[illegible]	Edinburgh	c	12	54	Luxemburg	s	[illegible]	61	Paris	s	20	[illegible]
Belfast	f	14	57	Florence	s	[illegible]	[illegible]	Madrid	f	[illegible]	[illegible]	Reykjavik	f	7	45
Berlin	s	[illegible]	61	Funchal	s	18	[illegible]	Majorca	f	18	64	Rome	s	21	70
Bermuda	f	19	66	Geneva	s	17	63	Malaga	s	[illegible]	73	Ronldswy	c	14	57
Biarritz	c	11	52	Gibraltar	s	19	66	Malta	f	17	63	Stockholm	f	14	[illegible]
Birmnghm	f	16	61	Guernsey	s	14	57	Manchstr	r	12	54	Tel Aviv	s	20	68
Bristol	c	11	52	Helsinki	f	13	55	Moscow	s	[illegible]	[illegible]	Venice	s	20	68
Brussels	s	20	68	Innsbruck	s	17	63	Munich	s	16	[illegible]	Vienna	s	[illegible]	61
Budapest	c	15	59	Istanbul	c	30	86	Naples	f	25	77	Warsaw	c	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cardiff	c	9	48	Jersey	s	17	[illegible]	New York	s	12	[illegible]	Zurich	f	15	59

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Secrecy by councils on education cuts

By Our Education Correspondent

Local education authorities are concealing the extent of their education cuts according to the Council for Educational Advance.

Its questionnaire to the 111 authorities in England and Wales produced only 25 replies about cuts during this year and last. The organization said that usually three quarters of the authorities responded to its questionnaires.

Mr Henry Clother, the secretary said that one or two authorities with some of the worst records for cutting back on education had sent confidential replies; others had not answered.

Mr Samuel Fisher, chairman of the National Union of Teachers' education committee, said that Leicestershire had listed cuts of more than £4m out of a £70m budget.

"Many education officers are not prepared to speak out", Mr Fisher said. "They are afraid of arousing the anger of their chief executive officers".

A survey, based on the questionnaire was published by the council at a press conference in London yesterday. It showed surprisingly that nine of the 25 authorities were employing far more teachers than their quota set after consultation with the Department of Education and Science.

Hertfordshire is exceeding its quota by more than a thousand teachers, Bedfordshire by 630, Manchester by nearly 400. But Mr Clother said authorities were making big cuts in "off-quota" or part-time teachers. Hampshire was trying to get rid of them altogether.

Eleven authorities out of 15 said they were receiving sufficient allowances to take account of inflation. Two (Gloucestershire and the London borough of Merton) said they were not.

Leeds had received a 23 per cent increase, and St Helens, Merseyside, 30 per cent. Mr Clother said the average cost of books, stationery and materials had increased by 57 per cent over the past year.

The survey showed serious cuts in further education: Hertfordshire has increased college fees by half and has not filled 50 further education teaching posts. Leicestershire has cut further education by £1.5m. Mid Glamorgan by £146,000.

Mr Clother said that 10 out of 38 teacher-training students at Rachel McMillan College of Education had been told by the Inner London Education Authority that there would be no jobs for them in the area.

Tenth of pupils 'cause most school trouble'

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

Trouble in schools is out of all proportion to the small number of pupils, about one 16-year-old in 10, who cause most of it, according to a government report on the effects of raising the leaving age in September, 1972.

The report, based on the experience of the school inspectors at the Department of Education and Science, says misbehaviour has disrupted some work and possibly has increased, but "the trouble is largely confined to certain areas and to particular schools".

The report also refers to widespread evidence of truancy during the summer term, after examinations. Many schools make little attempt to prevent it.

"A small number of difficult pupils can create an effect out of all proportion to their numbers, but misbehaviour, especially violent misbehaviour, is not widespread", the report says.

It would be nonsensical to attribute violence at schools to resentment by fifth-formers at having to stay at school until they are 16, the report adds. There have always been violent pupils and some are in the fifth form. Teachers have become more sensitive to the difficulties and newspapers have been quick to publicize incidents they might previously have ignored.

The inspectors say that teachers are worried that publicity given to the difficulties may have added to the trouble. When the higher leaving age has ceased to be a novelty, they think a more balanced picture will emerge.

The report notes two significant trends as a result of the reform: the success of examination courses for 16-year-olds and the growth of courses linked with colleges of further education.

The report says many schools have entered most of their 16-year-olds for at least one subject in a public examination, even in the few areas where the emphasis has been on non-examination courses.

Head teachers have commented that examination courses are in general proving more successful than non-examination courses, largely because pupils are likely to work harder for the prospect of an examination certificate.

Non-examination courses have proved harder to develop, and their aims have not always been appreciated by the pupils. There has been a tendency to segregate non-academic students in their final year.

Many pupils have been pleasantly surprised to be told they were capable of examination work, and have stayed longer at school than they might have done.

The report also says that three quarters of local education authorities have developed courses linked with those at colleges of further education. Such courses have tended to be in practical subjects such as bricklaying, carpentry and secretarial work.

They have not always run smoothly because of lack of liaison between colleges and schools. Sometimes the colleges have felt they were "dumping grounds" for irresponsive pupils.

Report on Education No 83 (Department of Education and Science (Room 1/27), Elizabeth House, York Road, London, SE1 7PH (free)).

Tories' Bill would make schools heed parents

By Our Education Correspondent

Details of the Conservative Party's plans to give parents more say in what schools their children attend were given by Conservative Central Office yesterday at a press conference in London.

Mr William Shelton, MP for Lambeth, Streatham, hopes to move a second reading of an Education (Parents' Charter) Bill on Friday. He said there was a strong chance that his private member's Bill would be debated in the Commons.

It seeks to amend section 76 of the 1944 Education Act and compel local education authorities to meet parental wishes unless they can be shown to be unreasonable because of cost. The Bill would also set up [illegible] could appeal if they were unhappy about the school to which their child is to be sent.

Parents and teachers would have the right to be represented on school boards. Schools would have to consult parents on everything, except the curriculum, through a parent teachers' association or in some other way.

Secondary schools would have to publish prospectuses so that parents could choose between schools and know something about their aims

Independent schools: The governors of the Loughborough Endowed Schools, comprising the high school for girls, the grammar school for boys and the Fairfield junior school, yesterday decided on complete independence when the direct-grant system ends.

Illegal child-minders respond to 'amnesty'

By Our Social Services Correspondent

An "amnesty" for illegal child-minders enabled more than 60 to telephone a radio programme in Nottingham yesterday for advice on their difficulties. Each will be visited by research workers in the next two days to determine how best they can be helped.

Calls to the programme disclosed a minority of cases where children appeared to be in danger. But the minders were deeply concerned with their position in law and their difficulties in providing the right kind of care for the children.

One woman called to ask for action to stop her partially blind aunt, aged 80, minding a year-old baby to supplement her pension. Another woman complained that she had seen toddlers in front of a "roaring fire" with no fire guard. A widower called to warn parents to ask more questions of minders. His three children had been minded perfectly well for six years by a woman who, he discovered afterwards, had been imprisoned for assaults on children

The "amnesty" plan came from the National Educational Research and Development Trust, whose child-minding unit is studying the practice and difficulties of minding in Britain. The unit obtained the cooperation of the social services department in Nottingham before organizing an hour's phone-in programme with BBC Radio Nottingham. That was followed by a 48-hour open line available to child-minders.

"Some minders may be totally unsuitable, but information about them would not have come forward unless we had offered an amnesty", Mr Barrie Knight, deputy director of the unit, said yesterday. "We now know of between 200 and 300 children being minded illegally in the Nottingham area, and we shall visit all."

The unit hopes the local social services department will set up pre-registration courses for the minders who are suitable. They would learn about child care and receive help through the courses with equipment and toys.

"Many of these women have drifted into minding without being aware that they are acting illegally", Mr Knight said. He hoped the Department of Health and Social Security would declare a year's unconditional amnesty to encourage more minders to consult their social service departments.

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Mrs Williams with Sir Geoffrey de Freitas (left) and Mr Rippon at the *European League for Economic Cooperation* conference in London yesterday.

Minister sure of 'Yes' decision

By Roger Berthoud

One hard-headed if unromantic argument would produce a decisive majority for continued British membership of the EEC, Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, predicted in London yesterday. It was, she said, the sort of argument used by those in their fifties for being married: "Well, it's not bad, and there's no alternative."

Mrs Williams, who was addressing a conference organized by the European League for Economic Cooperation, said she believed that a Great Britain committed to Europe by a positive vote in the referendum would have much to learn.

Parliament might begin to examine its own legislation more carefully because of its interest in examining Community legislation. Britain might also begin to learn more about approaches to industrial relations from the experiences of France and Germany.

In the social and educational fields, Britain and her partners had much to give each other. The need was to get the referendum behind us and get on with drawing up a plan for a Britain fully committed to EEC membership.

Mr George Thomson, a British member of the European Commission in Brussels, who was the main speaker, shared Mrs Williams's confidence that the people would accept the Government's advice to stay in the EEC.

The recommendation of the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary carried all the more weight, he said, since neither had entered renegotiations as enthusiasts for the Community. Faced with first-hand experience of Britain's position in the dangerous modern world, they had decided it was in the best interests of Britain and the rest of the world that Britain should stay in.

Mr Thomson went to some lengths to oppose the recent attempts of anti-Marketeers, notably Mr Wedgwood Benn, to portray the commission as a bureaucracy.

It was the ministers of the national governments who had the last word in the great majority of the Community's decisions, he said. The commission aimed at producing politically acceptable plans and reconciling different national viewpoints.

In certain areas, such as the steel industry and government aids to industry, the commission did enjoy direct powers conferred by governments for sensible reasons: for example, to ensure that multinational companies are not bribed to invest in already prosperous regions.

The commission worked on the understanding that the government of the country concerned had a more sensitive knowledge of the necessary priorities than had the commission in Brussels.

Mr Thomson said he thought it was particularly important that the British Government should play its full part in the EEC in the first psychologically critical six weeks after a positive referendum result and before the summer holidays.

If the people were to commit the "tragic blunder" of withdrawal, workers would not only be thrown out of jobs and great economic damage be done at home, but the decision would also have a "profoundly disruptive effect on the collective solidarity of the West".

Poll averted 'crisis for Labour'

There is no Labour Party crisis over EEC membership, but there would have been if it had been left to a decision of Parliament, Mr Ronald Hayward, the party's general secretary, has said in an interview with the Press Association.

As soon as it was announced that there was to be a referendum . . . he said the possibility of a crisis ceased to exist.

Whatever the outcome of the referendum, this must be the end of the chapter. . . . We cannot go on arguing about it, once the British people have made their decision. . . .

The same will apply to the special conference we are having on Saturday to decide the party attitude to the government recommendation to accept the new terms. It is clear that this issue will be decided not by the conference but by the referendum.

Mr Hayward said that the conference decision would obviously influence a great many party members. But it would be left to local parties to decide whether to campaign for or against, or whether to campaign at all.

No conference decision pleases everyone. But the rules of the game are that a majority decision is accepted. . . . It does not mean that the majority is always right, but that is the only way to run a democracy.

He said Mr Wilson's leadership was not endangered because most Labour MPs voted against the Government's recommendation in the Commons debate and because of the likelihood that the special conference would reject the new terms.

I do not question the sincerity of those on both sides. It is a matter of judgment for individuals. If the decision of the British people is that we must stay in, then it must be accepted by all of us. If the decision is to go out, then we must expect the Government to start the process of leaving the Common Market.

My job is to see that conferences are properly convened and that decisions are carried out. If there is a conference decision which is one of party policy then it is legitimate to see whether the Government is going along the lines of the manifesto or not, and to make representations to the Government.

But there is nothing in the party constitution that says a conference decision is paramount and must be obeyed and implemented by the Government.

At the same time, it would be a very foolish government that consistently ignored all conference decisions.

Mr Heath in Oxford debate

Mr Heath, former leader of the Conservative Party, will speak in an Oxford Union debate on Europe on June 3, two days before the referendum. He and Mr Thorpe, the Liberal Party leader, will speak in favour of the motion "That this House would say 'Yes' to Europe".

They will be opposed by two leading Labour anti-Marketeers, Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, and Mr Shore, Secretary of State for Trade.

Campaign gifts may not be allowable for tax

By Our Political Correspondent

Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday ruled that businesses contributing to the funds of the pro or anti-European organizations in the referendum campaign cannot assume that the gifts can be set against tax.

He was replying to Mr Norman Buchan, Labour MP for West Renfrewshire, a former minister and a determined campaigner in the anti-EEC cause.

He had complained about a a statement by the European Movement in a document about fund-raising that local businessmen were more likely to be aware of the advantages of staying in the EEC and would be able "to donate money which, being in support of their business interests, can be written off as a genuine expense".

Mr Healey stated:

The law is that, in computing profits for tax purposes, no deduction is allowed for expenditure which is not wholly and exclusively laid out for the purpose of the business. The treatment of donations or subscriptions to organizations campaigning for or against the EEC depends on the facts of each individual case in the light of this rule . . .

I can say, however, that the European Movement are not justified in assuming that businesses will be able to set donations to them against tax.

He added however, that one could envisage a situation in which a particular company's existence depended on the way the referendum went. In that case it could probably sustain a claim for a deduction.

Mr Buchan has written to Mr Ernest Wistrich, director of the European Movement, pointing out that the general statement in the organization's financial guidelines are likely to mislead many businessmen, and inviting him to withdraw the document.

Conference eve rallies planned

The pro-EEC and anti-EEC groups in the Labour party are holding rallies in London on the eve of the special party conference on the referendum. The anti-EEC group will have Mr Foot, Mr Benn, Mr Shore, Mr Eric Heffer, Mr Douglas Jay, Mr Jack Jones and Lord Briginshaw as the main speakers.

The pro-EEC group will have Mr Jenkins, Mrs Shirley Williams, and Mr Mellish, Goverment Chief Whip.

In a parliamentary written answer yesterday, Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, said that so far four questions addressed to him had been transferred to other ministers under the rules promulgated by the Prime Minister for the handling of parliamentary questions during the referendum campaign.

Government sets out conditions for grants

The Government yesterday announced the conditions attached to the £150,000 grants to be made to each of the umbrella organizations (Britain in Europe and the National Referendum Campaign).

The grant may be used only for purposes connected with the referendum, not for purposes connected with other political aims.

The organizations must keep accounts of all sums received or spent for the purpose of the referendum since March 26, 1975. They will be made available for audit within two months of the referendum.

Any portion of the grant unspent will be repaid to the Privy Council Office.

The grant may be drawn upon as needed as soon as Clause 3 of the Bill has been approved by the House of Commons in committee.

Mr Jenkins rules out quick, easy withdrawal

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

An understandable [illegible] leading propaganda attempt [illegible] being made to pretend that [illegible] United Kingdom could leave Europe with speed, ease and comfort, Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, said yesterday. He was replying to a statement on Sunday by six dissenting ministers.

Mr Jenkins, president of Britain in Europe, the pro-EEC umbrella organization, said:

Of course we could come out. There is no force to keep us in beyond that of our own will to secure our future and our respect for treaty obligations. Furthermore, the other members want partners not prisoners. If we cannot cooperate they would indeed rather we went.

But to pretend that this could be other than a messy and damaging process is a dangerous illusion. At a most critical period for our economy we would enter a long tunnel of trading chaos and confusion.

He said that Britain would be trying to negotiate new arrangements, but hardly in an atmosphere of good will, and one in which our need for a speedy and successful outcome would be much greater than that of the other side. That meant we would be negotiating from weakness, he added.

A free trade area with the Community seems to be the favoured solution of those who urge "No." We failed to get this in 1958. There is no clear reason why we should be more successful in getting it now. We would certainly need it more than the Community for we sell them a third of our exports, and they sell us only eight per cent of theirs.

To seek it is of course to destroy a large part of the "anti" argument. It would not enable us to try to improve our trade balance by keeping out Community imports. It would not remove the alleged threats to our sovereignty. Norway and Sweden, to get a free trade arrangement, have had to accept Community rules on industrial and regional aids, steel pricing, etc. But unlike us, as long as we are full members, they have no voice in how these decisions are made.

On the idea that Britain might seek to resume membership of Efta, he said all the countries concerned now had a trade arrangement with the Community.

They would be quite unable, because of problems about "rules of origin", to consider a free trade area with us unless it was also one with the Community. There was not a scrap of evidence that the Efta countries would be prepared to offer us an alternative to the Community.

Mr Jenkins added that the suggestion that we could easily negotiate fresh arrangements with the Commonwealth was even more misplaced. All those countries had emphasized that they did not want to return to the old dependent relationship.

Mr William Whitelaw, deputy leader of the Conservative Party, said yesterday that he was amazed at the suggestion by Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, and Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, that he had indicated that the Conservatives might use their big majority in the Lords to block the withdrawal legislation in the event of a "No" vote.

He said he made no such statement, nor had he implied it.

Mr George Mathews, press and publicity officer for the Communist Party, said yesterday that his party had protested to the BBC about publicity given on Monday in the programme *The World at One* to "a tiny group of so-called communists who were campaigning for a "Yes" vote in the referendum. The party had claimed equal time to be able to present the official communist viewpoint but had been refused.

Day of cheap food gone, Mr Peart says

Mr Peart, Minister of Ag culture, Fisheries and Food to the Food Manufacturers' Fed ation in London yesterday th it was foolish to suppose th Britain could go back to t situation of some years ago a rely on cheap food suppl from overseas.

Mr Peart said that world fo stocks were now lower than th had ever been recently.

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Housing seen as party shuttlecock in 20 years of bad building

From John Roper
Medical Reporter
Eastbourne

Housing is the shuttlecock of party political games, an expert on the subject complained yesterday at the Royal Society of Health Congress at Eastbourne. In 26 years there had been 14 housing Acts, Mr Roy Emerson, director of housing and environmental health at Hartlepool, said.

In 1954 there was a campaign to clear slums, and until last year few councils could go fast enough. Now clearance seemed to have become objectionable, and improvement was the thing. Suddenly 1,200,000 unfit houses had become repairable, which was utter nonsense.

Many houses were beyond satisfactory improvement and on others it was folly to spend large sums. If the policy to improve at all costs was followed for any appreciable time it would prove a millstone for our children and grandchildren.

In half a century of dramatic technological achievement and a score of housing Acts there was no legal requirement for a house to have a bathroom, inside lavatory or even a hot water supply. If present policy was followed every house would have to last 450 years, Mr Emerson said.

With an aging population, smaller families, increasing leisure and high labour costs, emphasis should be on building small, easily maintained houses. He expected government regulation on house insulation, including double glazing. With disposal of all putrescent matter by drainage, monthly dustcart collections would be the rule.

Married couple of AD 2001 would probably seek a house with those attributes. Built-in furniture would be widely used and deep-freeze cabinets would be a "must".

A consistent housing policy was needed instead of stop-go.

Mr P. J. Dixon, chief executive officer of the North-eastern Housing Association, said the fight to provide decent housing for all had been going on for 80 years. Most of the worst housing in that time had been built in the past 20 years, some very recently.

It was difficult to fix blame, but the combination of politicians desperately trying to increase yearly figures, the rapid growth of planning, the blind acceptance of each new architectural fad and the total disregard of the views of the people who would live in the "units of accommodation" had combined to produce some of the most unattractive, unloved and even unwanted dwellings ever provided.

At a session on health education, Mr Trefor Williams, director of the Schools Council Project on Health Education, said the question was how to provide such education sensibly and sensitively.

The effects of the abuse of tobacco, alcohol and drugs were well known; the association between promiscuity and VD clearly understood; the life-style conducive to heart disorder well researched; the emotional disorders from inability to cope with social situations amply documented. The failure was due to almost total inability to put what we knew to effective use.

We asked at what stage children were ready for sex education, teaching about smoking, drugs and alcohol, forgetting that they had had a multiplicity of experience from which attitudes, values and future behaviour had been formulated.

Mr Donald Reid, assistant director (schools) of the Health Education Council, suggested that the young required gentle persuasion rather than shock tactics. What mattered was what motivated children. Many teenage pregnancies, for example, were deliberate and no amount of sex education would have prevented them.

Dr John Brooksby, Director of the Animal Virus Research Institute, drew attention to the danger of rabies creeping in from the continent.

The main risk remained with people who smuggled in their pets from abroad.

Police train to tackle the armed criminal

A study of the use of guns in crime has convinced experts in the West Yorkshire force that the police, not soldiers, must tackle most situations involving armed criminals.

A realistic approach to public safety, used by the West Yorkshire constabulary at Wakefield, is attracting students from other areas, who will be instructors when they return to their own forces. The course was devised by Supt Colin Greenwood, a nationally recognized expert in firearm tactics.

During a demonstration, his successor, Chief Inspector Charles Clarkson, aged 44, a training commander, used a .38 special revolver to fire six shots into a target the size of a man.

"I hate these things", he said of the gun he was firing, "but we must be able to use them properly if we have to."

The West Yorkshire force has produced a necessary plan that seems to be based on a dislike of firearms. Mr Clarkson's men handle revolvers, rifles and shotguns with accuracy and speed.

They say they hope they will never have to shoot at anyone, but if they do they will shoot to hit. Mr Clarkson said: "If a criminal is killed when we shoot we must be justified in our actions. Otherwise we must not shoot at all.

In a cottage being searched for armed men, Chief Inspector Frank Morritt cautiously opens a door while colleagues in a police raiding party give him cover. The action is part of the training in the use of guns given by the West Yorkshire police.

"There can be no question of trying to wing or wound. The results are too uncertain and the danger of death too great."

"Cowboys are out", he said. "At the first sign of that sort of attitude a man is dropped from the training course. We want men to respect, understand and know when to use firearms and, perhaps most important, when not to draw a gun."

Shooting practice fills no more than a third of the time devoted to training members of an elite squad of marksmen. The rest of the time is spent on tactics and exercises, with the emphasis on public safety.

Mr Clarkson put forward a point of view widely held by the police: "A police situation needs a policeman, a police mind with a clear understanding of the law", he said. "Marksmanship is not enough." Terrorists, hijackers and armed criminals must all be the responsibility of the police.

Mr Colin Sampson, First Assistant Chief Constable of the West Yorkshire force, said: "The soldier's job is to destroy the enemy. The policeman's job is to protect the public. The public enemy, the armed criminal, is in our midst. We cannot use firearms without observing a very strict sequence of priorities."

First came the public; the police put their own safety second. Third was the criminal but, Mr Sampson said, he could join the public in first place "simply by dropping his gun and raising his hands".

Once trained, the officers of of all ranks return to their normal police work in uniform or the CID. They carry no guns in the ordinary way. Weapons are kept under lock and key in a few centres and the permission of a senior officer is needed before any policeman can draw them.

Mr Clarkson said "it was to be hoped that even the experts would never have to shoot except on regular refresher training". "We are not advocating arming the police in any general way", Mr Sampson said. "No one wants that, least of all the police. But we intend to be ready. The only alternative is to say that the lives of police and public are expendable at the whim of the criminal."

£1.5m loss from 20 defaulting councils

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Under the Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill the chargeable loss over 20 local authorities that failed to implement the Housing Finance Act, 1972, would be about £1.5m, Mr Kaufman, Under-Secretary of State for the Environment, said yesterday.

Rent increases collected from the defaulting authorities over five years would range from 2p to 9p a week with one exception of 27p, he told the standing committee considering the Bill.

If recovery was extended over the whole of a successor authority after reorganization of local Government, the increase would be much less; collected through the rates it would range from a minor increase of about 1p rate to a 2p rate in one case.

The Government regarded local authorities as bodies responsible to their own electorates and the best people to take decisions for their own areas. In considering whether the range of options might be extended the Government would consult local authorities if necessary to find out whether they would find further options acceptable.

The committee was adjourned until tomorrow.

Liberals champion cause of squatters

By John Young
Planning Reporter

The Liberal Party said yesterday that it would take the lead in encouraging squatters to occupy empty accommodation. It would urge all local councils to follow the example of several London boroughs in legalizing squatting.

Liberals were tired of waiting for governments to take action on the appalling housing problems facing millions of people in Britain, Mr Gordon Lishman, the party's director of policy, said.

The campaign would be the first in a series in which the party aimed to unite its activists into a fighting movement. It would link local activities into a campaigning party that would present a radical alternative in British politics.

Party officials said that more than a million houses were unfit for human habitation and more than two million lacked at least one of the basic amenities.

Asked what positive action the party proposed, Mr Peter Knowlson, director of research, suggested that more money could be made available for housing by abolishing food subsidies, dismantling the National Enterprise Board, abandoning plans to nationalize the shipbuilding and aircraft industries, and, above all, discarding the Community Land Bill.

Mr Stephen Ross, MP for the Isle of Wight and Liberal spokesman on the environment, said that one of the reasons for the recent cuts in housing expenditure was the need to provide money for the public acquisition of development land.

Mr William Smyth, leader of the Liberal group on Liverpool City Council, called for the setting up of nationally financed urban development corporations, analogous to those in new towns, to provide homes and amenities.

In brief

Concorde boom report sought

The Cathedrals Advisory Committee of the Church of England is pressing the Government to disclose conclusions reached after the test flight by the Concorde three years ago when the supersonic aircraft flew on a monitored course over Britain.

The committee saw the results of the monitoring, but has been waiting more than two years for the conclusions. Fears were expressed that ancient coloured glass and other treasures would be damaged by sonic booms.

Town plans £8m leisure complex

An £8.25m leisure and housing scheme, which would give Scotland another championship golf course, was announced yesterday by Livingstone New Town, West Lothian.

The project, the first of its kind in Scotland, will provide a 72-par course, an 80-bedroom hotel, 600 high quality private houses, and other leisure facilities. The course will be completed within two years and the entire project will take five years.

Skippers fined £300

William Edmund McCullough aged 42, and William Ian Morris, aged 34, the skippers of two Northern Ireland fishing boats were fined £300 each by Douglas magistrates yesterday, after pleading guilty to fishing illegally within the Manx three-mile limit. Their catch of herring, valued at £175, was confiscated.

Decree against TV man

Mrs Kathleen Woods, wife of Mr Peter Woods, the BBC television announcer, was granted a decree nisi at Luton Divorce Court yesterday on the ground of adultery. Jean Wallace, of Kyrle Road, London, was named in the undefended petition.

Collision grounds plane

More than a hundred passengers were taken off an Air France Boeing 727 jet at Heathrow yesterday, just before it was due to take off for Nice after a catering truck had struck the wing.

Ted Ray better

The condition of Mr Ted Ray, aged 69, the comedian, improved yesterday, North Middlesex Hospital announced. He was injured when his car struck a lamp-post on Saturday.

RAC subscription up

Royal Automobile Club subscriptions are to go up to £7.50 a year, an increase of £2, from June 1, with free membership for members' husbands and wives continuing.

MP says 'old boy' system works against women

By Our Parliamentary Staff

The "old boy network" in recruitment discriminated against women seeking jobs, Mr John Fraser, Under Secretary of State for Employment, told the Commons standing committee on the Sex Discrimination Bill yesterday.

Mr Fraser gave that as an example of indirect or unintentional discrimination which it was hoped the Bill would prevent.

He said the "old boy network" was a male club to recruit staff for jobs not advertised in newspapers. That could in practice discriminate against women.

Mr David Lane (Cambridge, C) said opportunities for women needed to be widened more in the trade union world than in others.

The committee sat for the first time yesterday. Eight women MPs serve on it, including the chairman, Mrs Lena Jeger, and one of the government spokesmen, Dr Shirley Summerskill, Home Office Under-Secretary.

Under the Bill, an Equa Opportunities Commission will be set up to eliminate discrimination and promote equality of opportunity between men and women.

The committee adjourned until tomorrow.

750,000 people are 'at risk' through drink

There are more than 750,000 people in England and Wales with drinking difficulties, and the total is probably a million, a conference on alcoholism was told yesterday at Eastbourne.

Such people are not necessarily alcoholics, but their drinking makes them a "high risk" section of the community, Mr Derek Rutherford, director of the National Council on Alcoholism, said.

Of 300 cases noted by the council two thirds were frequently late for work, two fifths suffered Monday morning absenteeism, and on average all had lost 86 working days during the previous year. Eleven per cent were certain that their drinking was responsible for an accident at work, and 32 per cent thought their drinking could have been implicated in some such event.

Mr Rutherford said that sort of drinker should not be confused with Britain's 400,000 alcoholics.

Worried mother drowned her two daughters

From Our Correspondent
Nottingham

A young mother who killed her two small children was the victim of misdirected love, Mr Justice Swanwick said at Nottingham Crown Court

Mr Dennis Barker, QC, for the prosecution, said Mrs Lesley Hales, aged 27, of Red Hall Drive, Barwell, Leicestershire drowned her daughters, Emma aged four, and Catherine, aged seven months, in the bath Then she attempted to drown herself, cut her wrists with a razor, stabbed herself severa times in the abdomen and took an overdose of tablets.

Counsel said she was a kin and loving mother who becam worried about her children health.

She pleaded guilty to th manslaughter of Emma o January 7 and infanticide b drowning of her daught while the balance of her mi was disturbed. She was plac on probation for three yea

£390m plan to end poverty among disabled people

By Pat Healy
Social Services
Correspondent

Mr. Alfred Morris, Under-Secretary of State with responsibility for the disabled, will be presented today with a £390m proposal for a comprehensive disability income scheme when he meets representatives of a wide range of disability groups. The scheme aims to implement promises by successive governments to end poverty among the disabled.

The proposal has been drawn up by the Disability Alliance, an organization representing 35 national disability bodies, which was formed in response to the Government's £23m new disability benefits. In a policy statement to be presented to Mr Morris, the alliance says t Government's own propos have caused dismay.

They were not comprehensi would amount to 34p a week the 1,500,000 disabled people Britain, and added to the ex ing anomalies in social secur treatment of the disabled. T statement offers detailed p posals to bring incomes clo to those of non-disabled peo and reconstruct the fragmen social security system cover them.

The main proposals are introduction of a disablem allowance, varying according the severity of handicap paid to all disabled people; invalidity pension for disal people incapable of worki and a special allowance to n specific extra expenses.

Probation service accused of carelessness with secrets

Confidential information including facts about sex and drug convictions is given by social workers and probation officers about their clients without proper checks, according to an article published yesterday in the magazine *Community Care*.

Researchers posing as social workers can get full information about clients from probation officers and social workers over the telephone, Mr David Brandon, a social work lecturer and consultant, writes.

Mr Brandon obtained written permission from clients to seek information and used 10 researchers, mainly social work students, to question 16 officials. Twelve were prepared to give information freely. Only one refused outright.

Lancashire social services office told the researcher that a man aged 19 had a conviction for a sexual offence.

The Channel Islands probation office gave details of a former client with convictions for grievous bodily harm, a drug offence and assault on the police.

Mr Brandon concludes that there is much talk about confidentiality but "little actual practice". He writes: "Those departments are an easy prey for private detectives and others. I would be interested to learn also how accessible case files are, not only to telephone inquirers but to other local authority departments.

Mr Mark Allen, editor of *Community Care*, said: "Had another 16 agencies been contacted in other parts of the country, we believe the results would have been much the same.

"We accept that the techniques used in Mr Brandon's experiment were 'underhand'. But so, too, are the methods used by some private detectives and debt collectors, who use their information to devastating effect.

"It is only by employing such techniques that it can be shown just how vulnerable social work clients are."

Mental patient ill treated by assistant

From Our Correspondent
Swansea

Mrs Minnie Williams, 58, a nursing assistant, ple guilty at Swansea Crown C yesterday to charges of illt ing a patient in the mental hospital.

Mrs Williams, of Mull Avenue, West Cross, Swa was fined £50 on each of charges of ill treatment in and September last year she was a nursing assista Cefn Coed Hospital. Evi was given that she pun slapped and repeatedly elderly, schizophrenic pa with her shoe.

Mrs Williams, who orig faced four charges of ill ing patients, and four al tive charges of co assault, changed her pl guilty on two counts several witnesses had evidence. The prose agreed not to proceed wi remaining charges, and jury were directed by judge to return not guilt dicts on the other six coun

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reporters that, on European policy, energy, and South East Asia, the French and German standpoints were "almost identical". This was also true of relations between Europe and the United States.

It was necessary to see how the British referendum would turn out before new concrete steps could be taken towards European unity, he said.

Elysée sources confirmed that the German head of state shared the French view on energy and the need to pursue a policy for reconciling the interests of producers and consumers.

On his way to the Hotel de Ville, where the reception was given, Herr Scheel paid his respects to the memorial of French concentration camp victims on the Ile de la cité. Madame Giscard d'Estaing's father died in prison in Germany during the war.

In his speech, delivered in fluent French, at the Hotel de Ville, Herr Scheel expressed his confidence in the future of a united Europe, "if political leaders acted rapidly. It is not too late to take the big step forward.

"A common foreign policy which is really European, is not compatible with the hair splitting of classical diplomacy, which at every step tries to obtain from partners an additional national advantage. Such a policy demands, in addition, that one should renounce all designs of hegemony in the field of security. . . .

"There are people who think the preservation of world peace is only the affair of the super powers. There are those who think that Europe does not need to assume responsibilities for developing countries. There are those who think it is a luxury to have one's own defence potential.

"Europe will not go under if we escape our responsibilities. The security network our Atlantic allies have woven with Western Europe continues to exist. But the Atlantic partnership must also prove its worth in the political mutations of the modern world."

Anti-fascist protest strikes in Italy

Rome, April 22.—Millions of Italian workers joined a strike today to protest against alleged right-wing violence after four days of rioting in a number of big cities.

The general strike, ranging in length from 30 minutes to eight hours, was originally called to support trade union demands for increased government investment to safeguard employment. But after last week's rioting its main object became an anti-fascist protest.

Signor Luciano Lama, head of the Communist-dominated trade union confederation (CGIL) said in a speech in Terni: "The demonstrations are above all a response to fascist provocation."

The trouble began with the shooting in Milan on Wednesday night of a left-wing student, allegedly by a right-winger. The next day the city was paralysed as 30,000 leftists rampaged through the streets.

Rioting spread to other cities, and the final toll was three leftists dead and more than 200 people injured, some seriously.

The authorities said that two victims of clashes in Milan on the eve of the strike were near death today. One was a right-winger beaten by a gang of leftists and the other a youth shot as he wrote anti-fascist slogans on a school wall.

In Milan today more than 200,000 people turned out for a demonstration to support the general strike.

There were similar, though smaller, demonstrations in most other big cities.

During the night in Rome three shots were fired at Signor Filippo de Jorio, a Christian Democrat member of Parliament, but missed him.

Near Milan the body of Signorina Laura Orsi, kidnapped in the city earlier this month, was found today in the Lambro River.

The police said that the girl, who was 17, had been strangled. She was kidnapped on April 7 after leaving the school where she was studying English. Her father, a small businessman, received a telephone call demanding 200m lire (£133,000) ransom. This was more than the family could pay.

In Sardinia Signor Antonio Campus, a bank director, kidnapped by masked gunmen on a country road more than six weeks ago, was freed during the night, after a reported payment of a 130m lire (£85,000) ransom, police sources said today.—Reuter UPI, Agence France-Presse.

An anti-fascist mass rally being held yesterday in Milan in front of the cathedral.

Secret policeman shot in Basque town

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, April 22

A member of the Spanish secret police was shot dead at point blank range today in the Basque town of Guecho, about five miles from Bilbao, by a young man armed with a double-barrelled sawn-off shotgun.

He was the second member of the force to die of gunshot wounds within a month in the Basque region, and is believed to have been a victim of the separatist movement ETA (Basque Homeland and Liberty).

The police are searching for two young men who were seen at the time of the killing.

The policeman, a sub-inspector, was dead on arrival at the Guecho first aid clinic. Identified as Señor Ramon Abran Gonzales, aged 35, he was father of a three-year-old daughter and had spent eight years in the Basque country. He was regarded as one of the best-informed political policemen on Basque separatist matters.

Last March 29, on the eve of the Basque national holiday, another secret policeman was shot dead in San Sebastian. Although many people have been arrested in connexion with that killing, no one has yet been charged. In the week before the holiday, separatists blew up four television relay stations in the mountains and a monument to General Franco's civil war dead in the ancient Basque capital of Guernica.

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EEC is facing clash over control of expenditure

From David Cross
Brussels, April 22

The European Parliament was today heading for a serious confrontation with EEC member governments over control of Community spending.

A parliamentary delegation, led by M Georges Spenale, president of the European Assembly, turned down a compromise proposal which would have given the Parliament a greater say over Community expenditure in three years' time.

The delegation made it clear during a meeting in Luxembourg with Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Irish Foreign Minister and acting chairman of the EEC's Council of Ministers, that it wanted a greater say over the Community's Budget at once.

The main issue is the new regional development fund which the Parliament argues should be classed as discretionary rather than compulsory expenditure. This is because the assembly has much greater powers over discretionary spending and can vote to increase such budgetary allocations under certain conditions.

Some member governments, principally the British, have objected to this idea, but yesterday they reluctantly agreed to class the regional fund as discretionary expenditure in three years' time. This is when the Community will in any event have to review the workings of the regional fund.

Having rejected this compromise, the parliamentary delegation will now consult the assembly's full budgetary committee tomorrow. The committee's recommendation will then be put to the vote at a plenary session of the whole Parliament in Luxembourg next week.

It remains to be seen whether the budgetary committee and the Parliament as a whole will follow the viewpoint adopted by its delegation today. If it does, this will probably further delay the long-awaited regional fund and create a difficult legal situation for the European Commission, which will have to pay out from the fund.

Britain renews offer to replace Starfighter

From Our Correspondent
Copenhagen, April 22

The British Aircraft Corporation (BAC) has renewed its offer of the Jaguar low-level strike aircraft as part of a replacement for the Starfighter in the air forces of Holland, Belgium, Norway and Denmark. The Jaguar was first offered in combination with the French Mirage F-1 in 1974, but interest concentrated on the American F16, the Swedish Viggen and the French Mirage M53.

However, Mr Orla Moeller, the Danish Defence Minister, said that a new Jaguar offer had been made and "as this is clearly a buyer's market, it is probable that we will receive other offers". He had just come from a Cabinet meeting where the deal had been discussed.

There will be another review by the Cabinet in Copenhagen next week. The Minister said today that military experts did not favour the Jaguar. At the same time, it was only about half the price of the Viggen.

A decision on the purchase of 350 aircraft by the four countries must be made by May 15. As the time limit approaches, representatives of the French Mirage and Swedish Viggen have intensified their efforts. Military experts in both Denmark and Norway have recommended the American F16.

Our Defence Correspondent writes: BAC's attempt to sell the Jaguar low-level strike jet as part of a two-aircraft solution to the problem of replacing the Starfighter, has been given a boost by the sales organization of the Ministry of Defence. The new initiative has probably come too late to win a British interest in the deal.

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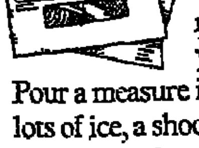

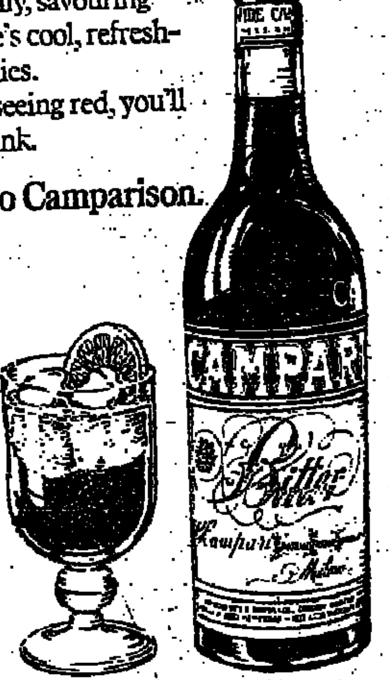

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Fishermen lobby delegates at sea law talks

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, April 22

Demands by British, and especially Scottish, fishermen for a 50-mile fishing limit is being put to delegates at the 138-nation law of the sea conference in Geneva, by Mr Ian Stewart, president of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation.

"Each month that passes makes unilateral action that much more likely," Mr Stewart said today. He emphasized the importance that fishermen attach to national sovereign rights, as distinct from European Community rights.

One of Mr Stewart's strongest arguments is a forecast by scientists that the optimum herring catch next year in an area that includes the west coast of Scotland will be 70,000 tons, against 105,000 tons this year.

Norway turns down prices and incomes body

Oslo, April 22.—The Norwegian Government rejected a proposal that a Prices and Incomes Council should be set up to formulate precise goals for price and income levels.

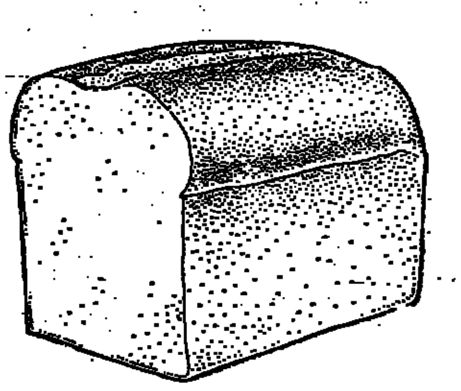
In a White Paper the Government said the answer to inflation was voluntary and binding cooperation between the authorities and the major organizations involved—the trade unions, employers, farmers and fishermen.

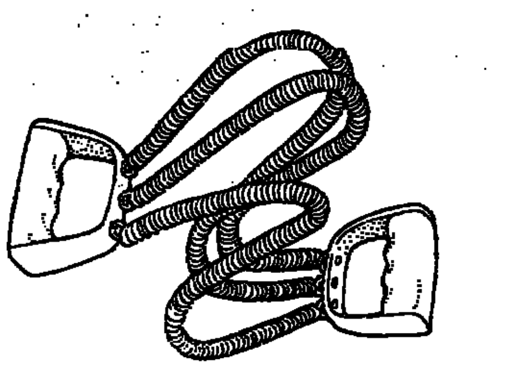
Rail crash kills two passengers

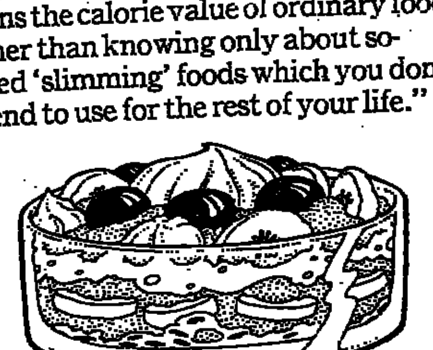
Trier, West Germany, April 22.—A freight train crashed into a passenger express today, killing two people.

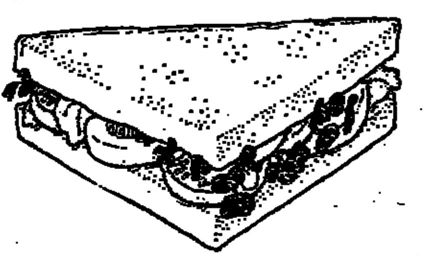
About 20 injured passengers were taken to hospitals, a railways spokesman said.

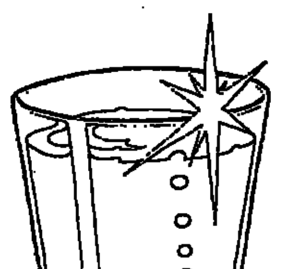
The crash occurred at Taben station near the German-Luxembourg border.—UPI.

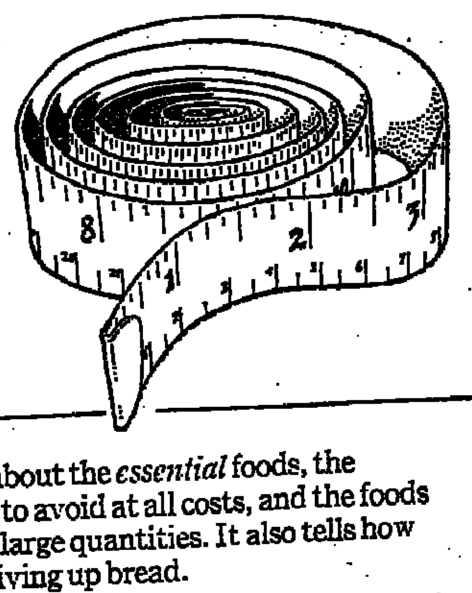












Slimming with Bread

Some typical slimmers' questions answered by
Derek Miller
Lecturer in Nutrition at London University

1. Should I give up bread completely?
"A slimming diet certainly may contain bread. In fact, it's a convenient method of ensuring that a diet contains an adequate supply of most nutrients, since bread provides an important quantity of protein, vitamins, and minerals. If you give up bread, you will need to get these from other more expensive foods. It's also good training for maintaining weight after your target weight is achieved, because one learns the calorie value of ordinary foods, rather than knowing only about so-called 'slimming' foods which you don't intend to use for the rest of your life."

2. Must I cut out all high-calorie foods?
"It's necessary to reduce your total calorie intake. For many people, it's easier to cut down on high-calorie foods like fat which, incidentally, contain more than 3 times the number of calories in bread on an ounce-for-ounce basis. Really low-calorie foods (e.g. lettuce and tomatoes) are clearly an advantage and can be used as sandwich fillings."

3. What's the best way to avoid an expensive slimming diet?
"Many slimming diets are expensive, some very expensive. There's no need for this. If you're going to eat less food, diets should be cheaper than normal. The easiest thing to do is to stick to ordinary foods and learn their calorie values. Generally it is more sensible to cut down on 'empty calories', i.e. foods which contain little or no nutrients, such as sugar confectionery; but for those with a sweet tooth, small indulgencies can be included, so long as they are calorie-counted."

4. Are regular sandwich lunches a bad thing on their own?
"It's a common fallacy that hot meals are essential for good nutrition. But this is not so. Most sandwich lunches are highly nutritious, but slimmers should avoid high calorie *fillings*."

5. How much help is exercise, and what kinds help most?
"The energy cost of exercise is disappointingly small. To lose weight by exercise alone is almost impossible unless you change your occupation and become a coal miner or lumberjack. A weekend game of golf helps very little. On the other hand, exercise may help the successful slimmer to improve her shape by increasing muscle tone and reducing flab. The exercise of particular muscle groups can improve measurements—but has little effect on the weight."

6. Is it true that you should avoid liquid, even water, during a meal?
"Some charlatan diets restrict fluid intake with the suggestion that obesity is due to too much body water rather than too much fat. This is nonsense. The body normally controls its fluid content very carefully and, if it does *not*, your problem is more serious than being overweight. Such cases are rare except in famine—and they require medical attention."

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TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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Israel concerned over 50 pc fall in arrivals from Russia

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, April 22

Israel officials are worried over the continuing decline in immigration and investment from abroad since the war of October, 1973, and moves to reverse these trends are being intensified. The fall in immigration is described as "staggering".

The Central Bureau of Statistics has disclosed that in the first three months of this year only 4,800 new immigrants arrived, less than half the figure for the same period of last year. This was chiefly because of a sharp drop in arrivals from the Soviet Union—2,400 compared with 5,700—and this in turn was partly owing to the fact that the number of Soviet Jews not going on to Israel after arriving in Vienna has risen to 30 per cent.

Altogether, 32,000 immigrants arrived in 1974, 42 per cent fewer than in 1973. The Russian figure was down by 50 per cent and the overall total for 1975 may not exceed 20,000 if the present rate is a guide.

The statistics have come as an unpleasant surprise, especially as it is barely six months ago that Mr Pinhas Sapir, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, was expressing confidence that his target of 100,000 immigrants a year between 1975 and 1980 could be met, mainly from the influx expected from the Soviet Union.

These hopes received a severe setback when the Russians rejected the United States Trade Bill because of the amendment linking trade with the rate of emigration; but it is clear that this is not the only cause of the decline. The uncertain political situation, economic strains and demoralizing revelations of corruption in public life are also being blamed.

The evening newspaper *Maariv* commented that the rate of 4,800 immigrants in three months would barely cover the numbers leaving the country. It is hard to gauge the accuracy of this assessment as no figures for emigration from Israel are available. People leaving for good are not required to give notice and many profess to be going for "a long holiday" or for educational reasons.

Last September, Mr Sapir said that some 8,000 Israelis left as emigrants every year, but this figure may well have increased.

Maariv blamed the economic slowdown for the fall in immigration and compared the present crisis with that of the mid-1960s. "The country did not recover from the crisis until after the six-day war, when the new wave of immigration brought in its wake a new prosperity", the newspaper said.

The trade union daily *Davar* today sees grave implications for Israel's future and a potential threat to the demographic balance in the area. "Even a country with excellent armed forces and an enormous arsenal is dependent on a growing and developing population, and stagnation in its growth harms the level of its defence no less than a slowdown in the flow of arms does".

The demographic threat has long haunted Israelis. It is estimated that in 40 years Arabs will outnumber Jews within the present area held by Israel if immigration stagnates.

Hardly less worrying is the slump in investment, especially from the United States. In 1974, investments from America and Canada in approved enterprises dropped by 70 per cent, from $152m (about £66m) to $45m.

Mr Arafat awaits Saudi invitation to summit

Riyadh, April 22.—The heads of state of Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Syria continued their talks in Riyadh today amid reports that Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, might join them.

Palestinian sources said that the three had advised Mr Arafat to be ready to leave for Riyadh if they decided that his presence was necessary.

Mr Arafat had talks in Beirut today with President Franjieh of Lebanon, apparently about the street fighting in Beirut last week between Palestinian guerrillas and right-wing Falangists, in which at least 140 people were killed.

President Sadat and President Assad, of Syria, met for three and a half hours today, after their six-hour meeting last night, resolving what has been described as an estrangement. They were expected to meet again tonight with King Khalid of Saudi Arabia also present.

President Sadat is due in Iran tomorrow for a state visit.

The main purpose of the restricted Riyadh summit, organized by King Khalid, has been to heal the year-long rift beween Egypt and Syria, give a new boost to general Arab solidarity, and plan strategy for future moves—political or military—against Israel.

Mr Ford's Middle East options

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, April 22

President Ford was distinctly cool in his references to Israel last night. He suggested that he did not want to meet Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, but if he did he would also want to meet Arab leaders.

He did not reject the possibility that the Palestine Liberation Organization might be represented at the Geneva conference and suggested that the best move now would be a further effort to reach an interim agreement between Israel and Egypt.

He said: "There are really three options. You could resume the suspended negotiations without making a commitment to go to Geneva. You could go to Geneva and try to get an overall settlement—which is a very complicated matter. But while you were going through this negotiation for an overall settlement, as a third option you might have an interim negotiated settlement between two of the parties, such as Israel and Egypt."

The President said that America was committed, in principle, to go to Geneva but that "right at the moment, we have made no firm decision as to what our next particular step will be in the Middle East".

Kaunda visit to Cuba

Havana, April 21.—Dr Kaunda, President of Zambia, arrived in Havana today from the United States for a five-day official visit to Cuba. He was met by Dr Castro, the Prime Minister.—Agence France Presse.

New Geneva talks urged by Russia and Egypt

From Our Correspondent
Moscow, April 22

The Soviet Union and Egypt have urged the resumption of the Geneva peace conference on the Middle East "at the earliest possible date".

A joint communiqué, issued yesterday at the end of a three-day visit here by Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, emphasized the importance of careful preparations "so that the conference would lead to final and comprehensive decisions".

Mr Fahmi, who left for home yesterday, had a two-hour meeting with Mr Breshnev, the Soviet party leader, before his departure.

The communiqué said that the Soviet Union and Egypt would seek a radical solution based on the full implementation of the well-known United Nations resolutions. It also demanded the complete withdrawal of Israel troops from all occupied Arab territories and the safeguarding of the rights of the Palestinians, including the right to set up their own state.

The only suggestion of a new element was that instead of flatly repudiating Dr Henry Kissinger's step - by - step approach, the communiqué hinted that any partial measures and corresponding decisions must be an integral part of an overall settlement. These "must be worked o ut and adopted within the framework of the conference".

South Vietnamese soldiers in the Phu Lam suburb of Saigon reading newspaper accounts of President Thieu's resignation address to the nation on Monday.

Vietnam evacuation is speeded up to avoid military harassment

From Fred Emery
Washington, April 22

President Ford has greatly accelerated the evacuation of Americans and their dependants from Vietnam and has dispatched military reinforcements to south-east Asia in readiness to protect the final stages of the evacuation.

Only about 1,500 essential Americans will be left in the Saigon area by tonight, according to congressmen who met Mr Ford this morning. However, the prospect of either communist or Saigon forces attacking the final stage of the operation, which would include attempts to bring out endangered Vietnamese, is now so real that the use of military force is clearly contemplated.

Mr Ford has yet to make his decision apparently, but in stating last night that a ceasefire did not appear possible in spite of his efforts, he suggested the American effort might have to be "substantial".

As he spoke, several thousand more Marines were being moved to reinforce the 4,000 already in ships off the coast of Vietnam, and fighter-bombers equipped for electronic countermeasures were being flown to Thailand for possible use against communist anti-aircraft missile batteries round Saigon. More air transports and helicopters were also being sent to the area.

In Congress there is considerable concern that Mr Ford might not be able to contain the military action to the "short term" as he promises. Others are worried that he will act without waiting for permission from Congress.

The congressional situation is confused on this issue. Military aid is being refused by both Senate and House committees, even where it is argued that it would help an evacuation. Yet today the Senate judiciary committee gave unanimous approval to accelerated immigration procedures for up to 130,000 Vietnamese, while efforts were under way in the House international affairs committee to exclude the Vietnamese from the evacuation authority, thus permitting the President to use forces only to rescue Americans.

There are reports that Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, is attempting to arrange a seven-day ceasefire to permit the evacuations. But there is little encouragement to be found in diplomatic circles. Mr Ford himself said last night: "I wish I knew", when asked whether Hanoi wanted all-out battle for Saigon or a negotiated takeover.

Mr Ford said the United States was exploring "negotiating opportunities", but admitted that he was not in direct contact with either the new government in Saigon, or with the North Vietnamese. He did not even know whether North Vietnam was communicating with the other governments with which the United States was in contact.

Mr Ford said he wanted a ceasefire "so that we can certainly get all the Americans out without any trouble and, hopefully, those South Vietnamese that we feel a special obligation to, but at the moment it does not appear that that is possible. . ."

He said that with a ceasefire "the evacuation of those South Vietnamese could be done very easily", but informed opinion in Washington is that the communists would agree to nothing apart from the evacuation of the remaining Americans.

Mr Ford denied there had been any pressure from Washington on President Thieu to resign. But he did admit the matter may have been discussed in Saigon by Americans.

As for President Thieu's attacks on the United States, Mr Ford said he could understand them. He again blamed Congress for giving the South Vietnamese collapse, as he put it, "the initial kick-off", by failing to grant more than $700m (£291m) of the Administration's request for $1,400m worth of military assistance for Saigon this year.

He did not intend to point the finger, and would not initiate criticism of Congress, but when anyone asked him he would let rip, he said.

Mr Ford again asserted that the private understanding given to President Thieu by Mr Nixon did not conflict with the public record. He disclosed that he had discussed the matter with Mr Nixon in a telephone call after his address to Congress earlier this month. He reiterated his refusal to publish the Thieu-Nixon exchanges.

Mr Ford spent a lot of time reaffirming his faith in Dr Kissinger, describing him as the "most effective Secretary of State" since 1948 and announced that the Secretary was "committed to stay through (to) the end of his Administration, January 20, 1977".

Mr Ford denied that anyone on his staff had suggested Dr Kissinger should go but he said a good case could be made for separating the posts of Secretary of State and national security adviser to the President, both of which Dr Kissinger holds.

Such a separation, urged by some at the White House, might cause Dr Kissinger to offer his resignation. Mr Ford got round that one by saying that sometimes in government there were "unique individuals" who could serve in many ways and Dr Kissinger was one such.

Serious fighting between Laos coalition factions

Vientiane, April 22.—Pro-communist Pathet Lao forces have captured a key junction on the road linking Vientiane with the royal capital of Luang Prabang. It was the most serious outbreak of fighting since the Pathet Lao faction and the rightist Vientiane side signed a peace agreement two years ago and formed a coalition Government in Vientiane.

Yet even though the rightists brought in T-28 fighter-bombers and tanks and the pro-communists used heavy artillery, reported casualties were low; and the week-long battle was interrupted for three days to allow a convoy of diplomats and officials to return to Vientiane from an official ceremony in Luang Prabang.

Observers said the Pathet Lao may have moved on to the road junction at Sala Phoukhoune, in the mountains 92 miles north of Vientiane, after an announcement that a joint military team from both sides intends to visit the area to delineate the areas of military control of each faction.

With Pathet Lao forces holding the junction, it would in effect be impossible for the rightists to send in reinforcements if the pro-communist troops surrounding Luang Prabang wanted to take military control of the royal capital, which, with Vientiane, has been declared neutral.

Godber appeal ruling awaited

Hongkong, April 22.—The Supreme Court today completed hearing an appeal against conviction on corruption charges by Peter Godber, a former Hongkong police superintendent.

The Chief Justice, Sir Geoffrey Briggs, told the court that the judges were in the process of writing their judgment. The court would hear submissions from the defence if the appeal was rejected.—Reuter.

Groom and race horses die in fire

Livonia, Michigan, April 22.—A groom and at least 35 thoroughbreds burnt to death last night when fire swept through a stable at the Detroit race course.

About 40 other horses were saved. The cause of the blaze was not immediately known, but it is believed that it broke out in a room where equipment is kept.—AP.

Pakistan leader charged with sabotage

From Our Correspondent
Rawalpindi, April 22

Mr Abdul Wali Khan, the leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly who has been held in detention since February, was charged at a special court in Quetta yesterday with sabotage and causing bomb explosions in Quetta and elsewhere.

Mr Wali Khan was president of the National Awami Party until it was banned by the Government on February 10. Thirty other persons, all reported to have been officials of the party, have been charged with him.

Hearings are to start on May 7.

Thai fears for security if Saigon falls

Bangkok, April 22.—Thailand, which sent 12,000 troops to fight against North Vietnam in support of former President Thieu, expressed serious concern over its own security if North Vietnam should take over Saigon.

"All of Indo-China is next door to us", Mr Kukrit Pramoj, the Prime Minister, said when asked to comment on the Thieu resignation.

Mr Kukrit said that Thailand intended to be friendly with the leaders of all the Indo-China states.

Blast in explosives factory kills six

Calgary, Alberta, April 22.—Six men were killed and 15 injured in a blast that reduced an explosives factory to rubble yesterday. Some 2,000lb of dynamite mixture exploded in the plant owned by Canadian Industries Ltd.—Reuter.

Dame Margot and Panar plot that fizzled out

From Peter Strafford
New York, April 22

A new account was published in New York today of the bizarre attempt to overthrow the Government of Panama in 1959.

This was the occasion when Dame Margot Fonteyn was arrested and expelled by the Panamanian authorities after allegations that she and her husband, Señor Roberto Arias, had been transporting arms in a motor boat.

The account, published in the *Daily News*, is full of the intrigue and panache of the Caribbean. The plot was originally hatched in Cuba, it says, where Dame Margot and Señor Arias met the leaders. It was foiled because the security and intelligence chief of the Cuban Air Force was a secret agent of the Central Intelligence Agency.

This CIA agent, incidentally, has become well known in recent years. He was Mr Frank Sturgis, born Frank Fiorini, who was one of the men convicted of breaking into the Waterg 1972.

Mr Sturgis is the main for the *Daily News's* a He was told about the p says, by another America living in Cuba, a Major W Morgan, who had been in helping Dr Fidel Castr over power, and was anx extend the revolution to countries.

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Mr Connal given presidentia 'embrace'

From Our Own Correspo
Washington, April 22

President Ford has sur Washington by as good a bracing the acquitted Mr Connally and suggestin might appoint him to Cabinet when he has a vac

Asked last night at the e an hour-long television view whether he saw a ro the Republican Party fo Connally, acquitted last we his trial for alleged briber Ford was ready with his an

"I think so. I think Connally—he was acquitte charges have been dismis has a clean slate, and he ha record in the courts to it."

Mr Ford added, concern Cabinet post: "If we fi spot where he would fit an was willing, I think he w make a fine addition to administration. I thought h an excellent Secretary of Treasury.'"

Mr Connally, long a Dem served successively as Secr of the Navy, Governor of T and Treasury Secretary, b switching to the Repub Party and vainly attempti rescue Mr Nixon from Watergate wreck.

Before he was accused o ing bribes from a milk coo tive, he had started runni a Republican presidential tender. That was before Nixon's resignation.

It is not thought now th could challenge Mr Ford, deemed "unnominable" either party convention at stage, but he might run Governor of Texas again, time as a Republican. would mark his way back 1980.

Mr Ford made it clear th intended to be a candida 1976, and would run with Nelson Rockefeller, but th intended to defer the fo announcement.

The Louis Harris su shows that the only Dem who at present runs ahea Mr Ford in "trial" preside election opinion surveys is S tor Edward Kennedy, who stated he will not be a ca date.

Kissinger visit is delayed

From Our Own Correspond
Washington, April 22

Dr Henry Kissinger, Secretary of State, has p poned his trip to S America yet again. He wa have left tomorrow Venezuela, Argentina Brazil, but announced morning that events in In China "are unfolding with s unexpected speed that President has asked me to s in Washington".

His statement adds that decision was made "w greater reluctance and e greater personal regret". Kissinger said that he is de mined to visit the th countries at a later date.

But he said nothing about possibility of visiting Chile Peru; he originally intende visit those two countries dropped them from schedule, ostensibly becaus developments in Indo-C In fact, Chile was incl because the failure of Government to mitigate harshness of its oppres despite American exhortat both public and private.

The General Assembly o Organization of Ame States meets in Washi next month; and Dr Kiss said that he looked forwa working closely with American foreign min then. The main topics w relations with Cuba, whic being progressively restor normal, and the ill effec Venezuela and Equador o American Foreign Trade The law introduces trad crimination against The O ization of Petroleum Exp Countries, of which Vene and Equador are membe retaliation for the Ara embargo of 1973 and which they did not join.

In Argentina the 50 A cans who were sent to M video can now return. were members of the st the American Embass Buenos Aires and their lies; and it was feared they might have been napped or molested duri Kissinger's visit.

iton on spy charge Uganda could e a firing squad

r Correspondent
April 22

nt Amin of Uganda ay that Mr Dennis Briton, who awaits Kampala on a charge n and spying, will be trial *by a military* It has the power to execution by firing he is found guilty.

atement, reported by anda, was made when Amin received a copy *anuscript of a book, e Pumpkin*, which Mr former lecturer but nemployed, is alleged vritten. The President in had no power in nd it was for Uganda own decisions.

s has been in prison arrest earlier this The *original* radio nent appeared to as Mr Bennet Hays, he was a lecturer at University. However, although *formerly* a t the Kampala Technitute, has not been on sity staff.

General Amin freed s who have been n Uganda for an unperiod, and told them they *were free to go to* Tanzania or stay in Uganda.

He handed a cheque to Dr Ellerkman, the West German Ambassador, to compensate *American subjects whose property was taken over in Uganda* after the declaration of the "economic war" in 1972. West Germany has looked after United States interests in Uganda since the Americans closed their embassy in 1973.

The Kampala announcement did not give the value of the cheque, but it is believed that only one American businessman, Mr Harry Engel, was involved. General Amin said that if the Americans wanted to reopen their embassy they were free to do so.

Speaking of his recent offer to compensate Britons, including Asians holding British citizenship, which was withdrawn recently, General Amin said the British concerned must blame their Prime Miniter who had refused his invitation to come to Uganda to discuss the compensation.

Britain yesterday decided to make immediate representations to President Amin about reports that Mr Hills could face the death penalty.

ry sought rison s in Iran

Reporter

Iranian political reported to have been le trying to escape" *been tortured* to nnesty International day. The organization the Shah of Iran for dent medical inquiry. *oners, Ahmed Afsar,* Chupanzad, Bidjan shouf Kalantari, Aziz Abass Soorky and a Zarifi, were sen-1969 *for membership* unist group conspirst state security".

President ousted by coup in Honduras

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, April 22.—General Oswaldo López Arellano was overthrown today in a bloodless coup and succeeded as President of Honduras by Colonel Juan Melgar Castro, an official proclamation said.

The coup came only hours *before the departure for Washington of an official commission* investigating reports of a $1.25m (about £500,000) bribe from the giant United Brands banana company to Honduran officials in return for lower taxes.

die in Argentina clash

, Argentina, April 22. anti-terrorist opera- *the Cordoba prison,* today trapped sus-t-wingers and fought attle in which five vere killed, police id.

500 policemen were n the action. It was whether there were casualties.

186 people have died in violence involving left-wing terrorists, right-wing death *squads, the police and the* Army in Argentina this year.

In Buenos Aires yesterday, the police said that eight left-wing terrorists had been arrested *and a plot to disrupt* the visit of President Pinochet of Chile and to collect a $7m (£3m) ransom for two Argentine industrialists, had been *smashed.—UPI.*

'Our present rulers actually offer bribes . . . They no longer try to attract people by the charm of their ideology'

Czech writer's warning to Dr Husák on country's deepening crisis

By Our Foreign Staff

Mr Václav Havel, one of Czechoslovakia's best-known young playwrights, has written a long letter to Dr Gustav Husák, the Communist Party leader, saying that Czechoslo*vakia* is in a state of crisis.

Mr Havel has had many of his plays produced in the West but has had none published or produced in Czechoslovakia since 1969. He lives in the countryside of north Bohemia. He worked for a while as a manual labourer in a brewery, where he discovered a microphone with wires leading to the manager's office. The manager was sacked.

The following is a shortened version of the letter circulating in the West. Parts of it have been paraphrased by the translator.

Dear Dr Husák,

Your aim of winning the sup*port* of the people and of consolidating the situation in the country seems to have been achieved. People go to work, procreate, buy cars, flats and houses; the living standard is rising. Moreover, they publicly endorse whatever your Government asks them to endorse; there are no overt *signs* of dissent against any government decisions.

Yet this public image of total consolidation, documented by innumerable statistics and official records, as well as by the surface appearance of the day-to-day life in our country, is being daily undermined by an ever deepening *inner crisis* in our society.

The idyllic image is artificial. It is not based on any real beliefs *in the regime's goals*, any trust in your Government nor even on any vague agreement with your overall policies, but on fear, corruption and apathy. The much advertised consolidation is phoney, the crisis is real.

Although political trials have not *been abolished, the most* brutal forms of state repression are (for the present, anyway) a *matter of the past*. Yet fear persists. And so does state intimidation. One no longer fears for one's life, which is a blessing. *But* fear is relative. It depends on the prevailing situation.

In our present context the feared loss of the means of one's existence can become just as menacing as were the more violent dangers and threats of the past. And *nobody is exempt.* It is not only the surgeon who may be sent down the mines if he does *not cooperate with the present* regime; the unskilled workman can be demoted just as well. *There is always a lower* rung under the feet of every citizen on the ladder of the state.

Furthermore, the ubiquitous and omnipotent secret police is still around. It penetrates every stratum of our society; not only the lower echelons, but also the very top. Its monstrous web enmeshes everybody and everything. The threads might be invisible, but the pattern is well known. Small wonder that people's activities largely centre on their attempts to avoid getting caught in the web.

Corruption is widespread. There is hardly anybody who does not take bribes—from the ministers down to the plumbers. The whole system subsists on bribery. Without bribes no work would be done.

Moreover, our present rulers actually offer bribes to those whom they want to win over to their side. They no longer try to attract people by the charm of their ideology. They are quite prepared to let everybody think what they like, so long as they publicly and vocally manifest their allegiance to the regime.

The fact that under the circumstances a merely formal, ritual support is being sought might *seem lenient* enough. But what it actually means is that the prerequisite for any advancement, or *even for the retention of* one's current position, is an assent to lie to oneself, to betray one's friends, and to *deceive* one's employers. Lying, betrayal, deceptions are the virtues of today. Truthfulness and integrity are suspect, despised and punished.

After the recent upheavals in Czechoslovakia and the establishment of the present regime, our people seem to have lost any hope for the future, any belief in ever *improving their present lot*. A struggle for truth and for the rule of law has become pointless. *Nobody cares.*

Hopelessness leads to apathy, apathy leads to the acceptance of the given situation, the acceptance leads to a routine performance of one's "duties" which, in its turn, serves as an illustration of a "mass political activity". This is the vicious circle which creates the *illusion* of "a consolidation" in our country.

The Government . . . entrenched in its status quo, tends towards universal entropy. But this means that it proceeds against life itself. The only form of entropy known to life is death. And, indeed, the bland uniformity of the present order exudes the odour of death. The ossified consolidation excludes life, is lifeless.

Take the cultural scene, for instance. Where are all the *specialized* literary and arts magazines and scientific journals of yester-year? Where are new works of poetry and of fiction? True, a few manuscripts do circulate in *samizdat*, but nothing new of any value has been officially published for years.

Who can fathom the irreparable damage done to all the fields of men's cultural endeavour where no means of at least a clandestine subsistence exist? *How many* exciting and influential films and theatre productions have been lost *forever*? What unimaginable despoilment of our life has been caused by the present void in the spheres of all the sciences and of all scholarship?

It is not only our cultural activity which has been paralysed: the very history of our nation has *been suspended. In fact, it ceased to exist.*

In the absence of any authentic historical acts, we are presented with "pseudo-activity": with an endless progression of anniversaries, commemorations, festivals, sporting events. A sort of "pseudo-history" is being foisted on the nation, and its author is not the life of our society, but *an official state planner*.

Actually, we seem to be losing our sense of time. We find our*selves wondering what preceded* and what followed this or that non-event, what happened when *and how and why*. We tend to shrug off these uncertainties, saying, "What's the point, it doesn't *matter, anyway.*" The point is, it makes no difference. The difference is precisely what matters and what *is lacking. Everything* merges into a grey image of an endless continuum. Deadly order pervades everything. *All activity* is perfectly organized and thus perfectly deadened.

Since life cannot be totally stilled and history forever suspended, a secret streamlet trickles on under the *leaden lid* of inertia, and slowly, imperceptibly, nibbles away at its very foundations. And so the lid is starting to crack, life and history are beginning to demand their due.

But what are the prospects before us? We all know that the more rational the official construction of phoney happenings becomes, the more irrational is then *the sudden flood of authentic* activity. Haven't we all seen it before, and not just once, in our *part of the world*? A machine which had been working for years with apparent precision, faultlessly, without a hitch, suddenly falls apart and disintegrates overnight. And we are amazed to find that everything was quite other than we had thought.

Taking all these circumstances into account, I, for one, fear the price we are all bound to pay for the *drastic suppression of our* history and the cruel and pointless banishment of our life to the *underground of the society* and the depths of the human soul. And I shudder to think what possible course the eventual future "moment of truth" might take.

Your personal responsibility for all that is happening and might happen is great. So far, you and your Government have chosen the easy way out for yourselves, and the most dangerous road for our society: the path of *inner decay* for the sake of outward appearances: of deadened life for the sake of increasing uniformity; of deepening the spiritual and moral crisis of our society, and ceaselessly degrading human dignity, for the puny sake of protecting your own power.

As a citizen of this country, I request, openly and in public, that you and all the representatives of *the present regime consider* with all seriousness the subjects I have here tried to bring to your attention, assess the degree of your historic responsibility in the light of this consideration, and act in accordance with it.

Vaclav Havel. Writer

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Mr Vaclav Havel: "Lying, betrayal, deception are the virtues of today".

Bishop Muzorewa rejects Smith talks this week

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, April 22

There will be no talks this week between the Rhodesian Government and the African National Council (ANC). Bishop Muzorewa the ANC leader said discussions would not be possible until after his organizations executive committee meeting in Salisbury on Sunday.

Last week Mr Smith, the Prime Minister, invited the ANC to resume talks on a *settlement but Bishop Muzorewa* said he was first writing to Mr Smith asking for clarification on certain matters, including the position of the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole the former Zanu president, who was released from detention to attend the recent conference of the Organization of African Unity in Dar es *Salaam. The bishop has so far* not received a reply to his letter.

According to reports published today, Mr Robert Mugari, *an ANC executive member and* former Zanu official who fled to Mozambique and was held by Frelimo officials *recently*, has now been released by the Mozambique authorities and is now either in Dar es Salaam or Malawi.

Mr Mugabi was not wanted by the Rhodesian authorities but he left the country without *travel documents*.

The Ministry of Justice has announced that in future no public announcements will be made when convicted mur*derers are executed. A Government* spokesman said this was because executions were "emotive". This drew an immediate *response from Mr Patrick Bashford, leader of the Centre Party*, who said that since most civilized countries had abolished the death penalty, any execution was controversial and the *execution of people convicted* for politically motivated crimes must be doubly so.

He said political executions in Rhodesia, at this time, were

Frelimo leader pardons 24 'traitors'

Nairobi, April 22.—Mr Samora Machel, the president of Frelimo, has pardoned 23 men and a woman, who were said to have admitted working for the Portuguese intelligence services in Mozambique in past years. The pardons were announced yesterday at Nachingwea, in southern Tanzania, where last month Mr Machel pardoned 240 people.

Those pardoned yesterday were said to have worked as Portuguese agents assigned to assassinate Frelimo leaders, to cause confusion in the organi*zation's ranks and to carry out* sabotage.

Mr Machel said Frelimo would make a detailed study of the "traitors" to provide infor*mation for consolidating* the struggle in Mozambique. They would undergo political education and then be sent to villages in Mozambique, presumably

Belgian leader advises Chinese to discuss EEC link

From David Bonavia
Peking, April 22

Mr Tindemans, the Belgian *Prime Minister, has proposed* that the Chinese leaders should discuss the question of sending an ambassador to the EEC when Sir Christopher Soames, the *European commissioner* in charge of external relations, visits China early next month, informed sources said in Peking.

Mr Tindemans, who is on an *official visit, asked the Chinese* if they were planning to send a representative to Brussels. They replied that they would do so if the EEC broke off *relations with Taiwan.* They were pleased when Mr Tindemans told them that there were no such relations. He also said he would raise the matter with Sir *Christopher* before the latter's visit to China.

It is understood that the Chinese leaders asked repeatedly why Europe had not economic and military unity. *They warned Mr Tindemans* that Europe would be the victim of the next war and should not rely too heavily on the United States for defence.

The Chinese leaders talked more about Dr Schlesinger, the *United States Secretary of De*fence, whose recent report on strategic questions they highly approved of, than about the activities of Dr Kissinger, the *United States Secretary of State.* They gave the impression that the honeymoon in Sino-American relations had cooled off somewhat.

*An insight into Chinese think*ing was gained when Mr Tindemans was told that Peking believed the next big war would not be fought with nuclear but with conventional weapons. They saw it as likely to be fought in Europe, and felt that the probable antagonists, the United States and the Soviet troy the Continent with nuclear *weapons.*

Mr Tindemans had a meeting of more than an hour with Mr Chou En-lai, the Prime Minister, who has been in hospital *with a heart complaint* for more than a year.

He found Mr Chou very lively and talkative, and defying the advice of his doctor, who had told him to speak for only 20 minutes.

Chairman Mao Tse-tung, at a half-hour meeting with Mr Tindemans, complained about his old age but did most of the talking, it is understood. Chair*man Mao recently returned* to Peking after a prolonged stay in southern China.

Most of Mr Tindemans's talks in Peking were with Mr Chi Teng-kuei, a Deputy Prime Minister, who appears to be acting as a spokesman on foreign affairs to assist Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, the number three man in

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Further particulars may be obtained from The Registrar, The University, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU, with whom applications (three copies) together with the names and addresses of three referees, should be lodged not later than May 17, 1975.

University College of North Wales
Bangor

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Further particulars of this post may be obtained from the Secretary and Registrar and applications (two copies) giving details of age, qualifications and experience, together with the names and addresses of three referees, should be sent to reach the Secretary and Registrar, University College of North Wales, Bangor, LL57 2DG, by 19th May, 1975.

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Law Report April 22 1975

Queen's Bench Division

Littlejohn loses habeas corpus plea

Regina v Governor of Winson Green Prison, Birmingham, Ex parte Littlejohn

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Ashworth and Mr Justice May

The Divisional Court, when refusing an application by Kenneth Brian Littlejohn for a writ of habeas corpus, rejected a submission that the transference in the Irish Republic of a trial from an ordinary court to a special court set up under the Offences Against the State Act, 1939, implied that it was a political trial or a trial of an offence of a political character.

Their Lordships also held that reports of parliamentary proceedings in 1939 in the Dail (the Irish Parliament) were inadmissible for construing the Act and that Irish press and television reports subsequent to the applicant's trial in Dublin for robbery were inadmissible on the issue whether or not the offence was of a political character.

Section 2(2)(b) of the Backing of Warrants (Republic of Ireland) Act, 1965, provides: "An order shall not be made" [to deliver a person arrested under a warrant to the Irish police] "if it appears to the court that the offence specified in the warrant does not correspond with any offence under the law" [of the United Kingdom] ". . . . nor shall such an order be made if it is shown to the satisfaction of the court . . . (b) that there are substantial grounds for believing that the person named or described in the warrant will, if taken to the Republic, be prosecuted or detained for another offence, being an offence of a political character. . . ."

Mr Christopher Waud for the applicant; Mr Richard Du Cann, QC, and Mr Clive Nicholls for the prison governor.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the applicant was a member of a gang involved in an armed bank robbery in the Irish Republic on October 12, 1972. It was not disputed that he had IRA associations and that the robbery was a manoeuvre to obtain cash to finance IRA activities.

On October 19, 1972, the applicant, his brother and another person, Stockman, were arrested in England on an Irish warrant charging them with the robbery. Bow Street magistrates held that they should go to Ireland to meet the charge. The Littlejohn brothers applied to the Divisional Court for a writ of habeas corpus to obtain release under the Backing of Warrants (Republic of Ireland) Act, 1965.

Their application was heard in February, 1973, and the principal argument was that the offence was of a political character within section 2 of the Act. Their contention was that they had infiltrated the IRA, made offers of assistance to the British Government and therefore the bank robbery was an offence of a political character.

The court two years ago, on the question of what was an offence of a political character, derived assistance from *R v Governor of Brixton Prison, Ex parte Schtraks* ([1964] AC 556), and refused to accept the submission. The court said that although the brothers were concerned with the IRA and the intention in the robbery was not simply to obtain money on their own account, yet there was not a sufficient political association to make the offence an offence of a political character.

Mr Waud stressed the fact that the attitude of the requiring authority was as important in determining whether an offence was of a political character as was the attitude and motive of the wrongdoer, and he cited in support *R v Governor of Brixton Prison, Ex parte Kolczynski* ([1955] 1 QB 540), the case of the Polish fishermen who sought to take over their vessel in the high seas in order to escape from the political atmosphere of Poland, which they would not have been able to do by more regular methods.

It was important to see whether the requiring authority was minded to use the right of extradition for an ulterior motive in order to punish a man for his politics rather than for the actual offence in respect of which extradition was sought: *R v Governor of Pentonville Prison, Ex parte Cheng* ([1973] AC 931, 944). On the authorities offences might be of political character where (1) the wrongdoer had some direct ulterior political motive when he committed the offence, or (2) the requesting state was anxious to obtain the wrongdoer's person in order to punish him for his politics rather than for the criminal offence referred to in the extradition proceedings.

The applicant, on his return to Ireland, was tried in a special court and not in the ordinary courts. That was the only factor in the present application which was not before the Divisional Court in 1973 because the decision to try him in the special court had not then been taken. The applicant was convicted and sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment.

On April 11, 1974, the applicant escaped from Mountjoy prison, came back to England and was arrested in Birmingham on a second Irish warrant, which relied on the offence of jail-breaking. It was not contended that the prison-breaking was of a political character. The Birmingham stipendiary magistrate ordered his extradition.

Now the applicant was saying that if he were sent back to Ireland he would be detained for bank robbery, which section 2(2)(b) of the 1965 Act made illegal as it was of a political character. Was it really open to the court now to go into the issues of two years ago? The court ought only to look at it so far as there was fresh material. The whole argument now revolved around the trial being transferred to a special court.

One must look at the peculiarity of the special court. It was set up under an Irish Act, the Offences Against the State Act, 1939, sections 35 and 36. Its jurisdiction depended on the Irish Government publishing a proclamation declaring that the use of the special courts was necessary because the ordinary courts were inadequate to secure the effective administration of justice or the preservation of public peace and order. They could try offences specified in a schedule. Where the special procedure applied trials were held without a jury, before a single judge, and there were certain differences on the evidence that was admissible.

What their Lordships were looking for in the transfer to a special court was an indication of an acknowledgment that the offence was a political offence. There was no such indication. It could not be accepted merely by looking at the relevant sections of the Irish Act that it disclosed that the offences tried before the special courts were political or that the trials were of a political character. The impression left on his Lordship on reading the Act and the affidavit of the expert on Irish law was that a trial in a special court was not a badge of a political offence.

The applicant sought to reinforce his argument by asking their Lordships to read the Dail reports (the Irish *Hansard*) for 1939 when the Irish Act was enacted to see whether the nature of the offences in the schedule to it was political. The court rejected that submission. Not only was the value of the Dail reports for 1939 minimal when the court was considering the situation in the 1970s, but parliamentary reports were not admissible or relevant to construe statutes. The courts were moving fast towards looking at documents which once were regarded as outside the courts' purview.

The stage, however, had not been reached when ordinary reports of parliamentary proceedings were admissible to explain the intention of parliamentary enactments. It would be quite wrong to look at the Irish reports in order to fill the gaps in the applicant's argument.

Mr Waud further said, correctly, that after the applicant's trial in August, 1973, there was a good deal of disturbance in the Irish press and television over disclosures that there was a connexion between British intelligence and the applicant and his brother. That provoked a number of press statements to contradict the rumours or gossip of a deal between the two governments which would not bear the light of day.

Mr Du Cann submitted that the press reports were inadmissable because they were hearsay, partial and not verbatim. Their Lordships had looked at some of the reports de bene esse, and it was quite clear that, apart from the question of admissibility, there was nothing in them going to the issue of whether or not the offence was political which was not before the court in 1973. They were of no value, and his Lordship would exclude them from consideration on that ground rather than on the technical ground; they were objectionable, however, on both grounds.

The only new matter in the present application was the transfer of the applicant's trial to the special court in Dublin and for the reasons given there was no justification for submitting that that transfer was an acknowledgment that the offence of robbery was of a political character.

Mr Justice Ashworth and Mr Justice May agreed.

Solicitors: Kenneth Scroggs & Co, Totnes; DPP.

Delay and issue of summonses

Regina v Fairford Justices, Ex parte Brewster

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Ashworth and Mr Justice May

[Judgment delivered April 16]

Summonses issued on June 4, 1974, and January 14, 1975, in respect of offences alleged to have been committed on June 6, 1973, were held not to have been issued by justices without jurisdiction because of the delay. As there is no express provision laying down a period of limitation for issuing a summons by justices, they could not be deprived of their jurisdiction by delay unless the delay in a particular case was excessive and prejudiced a defendant.

The Divisional Court refused an application for an order of prohibition by Dallas Anthony Brewster, of Mill Lane, Hardwicke, Norfolk, to prevent Fairford justices from taking further proceedings on two summonses issued against him for flying an aircraft in contravention of safety regulations, on the ground that there had been too much delay in issuing them.

The Magistrates' Courts Act, 1952, provides by section 1 (1) that "Upon an information being laid before a justice of the peace . . . that any person has . . . . may . . . (a) issue a summons . . . requiring him to appear . . . to answer to the information . . ."; and by section 104 that "Except as otherwise expressly provided by any enactment, a magistrates' court shall not try an information . . . unless the information was laid . . . within six months from the time when the offence was committed. . . ."

Rule 81 (1) of the Magistrates' Courts Rules, 1968, provides: "A summons shall be signed by the justice issuing it or state his name and be authenticated by the signature of the clerk of a magistrates' court."

Mr Brian Sinclair for the applicant; Mr Graham Platford for the respondent police prosecutor and the respondent justices.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the prosecutor alleged that on June 6, 1973, the applicant committed offences by flying an aircraft without complying with certain safety regulations. The informations were laid on December 4, 1973, on oath before Mr J. H. Elliott, a justice of the peace. By section 104 they had to be laid by December 6. That section, the only one laying down a period of limitation in relation to a summons, was clearly satisfied.

Nothing happened for another six months, until June 4, 1974, when two summonses were issued. They were defective because they recited, contrary to the fact, that they had been laid before the clerk to the justices.

Two further summonses on the same informations were issued on January 14, 1975. They were impeccable. They recited that the informations were laid before Mr Elliott and they were signed by the clerk, as he was empowered to do by rule 81(1).

Mr Sinclair submitted that the 1975 summonses as well as those of 1974 were invalid because [illegible] sufficient promptitude. He contended that "upon" in section 1(1) required that a summons must be issued within a reasonable time of the laying of an information. His Lordship thought it strange, if Mr Sinclair was right, that no authority had established that proposition in the time that had elapsed since the Act was enacted. Indeed, the only authority cited to the court, *Ex parte Fielding* ((1861) 25 JP 759) was against him.

In that case a summons issued at the time an information was laid was not served. About eight months later a new summons was issued on the same information. The relevant statute provided that the justices, after an information had been laid before them, were to issue the summons "thereupon", which for present purposes did not differ in meaning from "upon". The defendant's contention that the delay nullified the summons was rejected by the court.

Mr Sinclair also contended that the intention of section 104 in limiting the time for the laying of an information was to protect a potential defendant so that he might know within a reasonable time whether or not he was to be prosecuted. Accordingly, it was implicit in the section that the issue of a summons—and it was impossible to know whether a prosecution impended before the issue of a summons—was also to take place within a reasonable time from the laying of the information.

His Lordship would reject Mr Sinclair's arguments, but it should not be assumed that the issuing of a summons could be delayed indefinitely to the prejudice of a defendant. The courts must control excesses of delay. But having regard to the authorities, or the lack of authorities, and to the [illegible] been prejudiced, the court found it impossible to hold that the delay was sufficient to deprive the justices of jurisdiction. Accordingly, there was no ground for ordering prohibition.

Mr Justice Ashworth and Mr Justice May agreed.

The application was dismissed with costs.

Solicitors: William Charles Crocker; Turner, Peacock & Co, for Sewell, Rawlins & Logie, Cirencester; Mr P. C. Sanders, Cirencester.

How women's rights could be the key to many of the world's problems

Helvi Sipila, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General, and Secretary-General of International Women's Year, contributes this week's column in our IWY series.

When 1975 was proclaimed International Women's Year, many people saw the year as being somehow removed and separate from the "real" issues of the day—for example, the rapid rate of population growth, and its effect on the world food crisis. Ironically, one of the real challenges of the creation of this "separate" Women's Year is precisely to break down this kind of separatist thinking by demonstrating the indivisibility of these world problems and the state of underdevelopment of women throughout the world.

It is a regrettable human tendency to deal with problems only when it is too late, and a real solution is already impossible. Our failure to see the multidimensional nature of problems, our propensity to deal with them in separate categories, to attack their symptoms but not their roots, all contribute to this tendency which is nowhere more in evidence than in our efforts, so far, to deal with "women's problems".

Too often women's problems have been dealt with by policy-makers as though they were "luxury" issues, worthy of charity from those who happen to care or believe in the merits of equal rights. Too often the need to eliminate discrimination against women has been dealt with as an isolated issue, seen only from a "human rights" perspective, so that the way in which women's lack of rights contribute to other human problems such as illiteracy, malnutrition, maternal and child morbidity, unemployment and mass poverty, has only rarely been understood.

Too often discrimination is seen as an end in itself, something that can be legislated away. The psychological and cultural origins of discrimination have been insufficiently understood and, therefore, many men and women remain ignorant of its extent, and indifferent to its practice. Yet, I would go so far as to assert that the problem of over-population, the failure of international development strategies (to give just two examples) would not be so serious were it not for these very attitudes. The world and the problems we face today would be qualitatively different if the goals and objectives of International Women's Year had been implemented in *practice* 30 years ago, when they were accepted in *principle*, and embodied in the United Nations Charter.

Instead, we have a world today where the majority of women still live in drudgery in the most underdeveloped rural areas in the least developed countries in the world. Two, and sometimes even four, of every five women, are illiterate in a number of these countries. The largest majority are confined throughout their entire life to the nearest family circle, where t continue the traditional life of t mothers and grandmothers. Most of th are overburdened by continuous ch bearing and child-rearing, house chc without any labour-saving devices, v water and fuel to be collected on foot fı miles away. Often they are solely resp sible not only for preparing food for family but for growing and storing all ı food. Often these women, who are soci and legally totally dependent on their h bands or other members of the family, expected to spend their life produc sons for economic and social secur for the prestige of the family, and in or to replace those who die.

These are the women (the more t 500 million women illiterates) upon wh the success of our population policies, food programmes and our total devel ment efforts ultimately rely. The succ of these policies depends, in other wo on those who are least equipped to ca them out.

These are the women who are suppo to decide freely and responsibly on number and spacing of their childre without freedom, without education without knowledge of the consequences child-bearing to their own lives, to the h and well-being of their children, to t families and society as a whole.

The status of women in the world to is generally inferior to men's in the e cation, economic, legal, social and polit areas. Although progress has been achie in recent years, it has been slow sporadic, largely because the solution problems affecting women is still thou to be in the interest of the female po lation only, rather than society as a wh

For the reality is that we still live i world which differentiates between wor and human beings. We still speak women's rights independently of hun rights. And while we have reached point where few would dare to vo derogatory remarks against race, col or creed, there is still little or no constr on the use of women as sex objects. A ally, such use or abuse of the female p son is often legally accepted, morally c doned and financially rewarding.

All this underlines the urgent need International Women's Year—though it a sobering thought that women have b granted, in this way an opportunity to heard (as the Prime Minister of Austra Mr Gough Whitlam observed).

Action to transform the status of won is needed from governments, from n governmental and inter-governmen organizations and, above all, by individu

Proposals and recommendations for su action are being included in the natio plans to implement the goals of Int national Women's Year currently bei drawn up in almost all countries of world. Others have already been adop at the regional level in Asia, the Paci and in Africa by United Nations regio bodies. A global plan of action is expec from the World Conference of the Int national Women's Year, The Focus of Year, which is to be held in Mexico C in June-July.

The proposals and recommendations the conference will be submitted to Seventh Special Session of the Uni Nations General Assembly in Septemb This Special Session, which is devoted questions of development, will offer important forum in which to generate awareness that women are not someh separate from the questions under disc sion, but in fact are, and should be, dee involved, since every decision taken at t and all other international, regional a national fora will affect women every as much as they will affect men.

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25 years ago

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The Bounty Bible

Suva, Fiji, April 21.—Mr Adrian Dobbs, assistant secretary, the Western Pacific High Commission, has just returned to Suva from Pitcairn Island after handing the Bible of the Bounty to Mr Warren Christian, chief magistrate of the island and a direct descendant of Fletcher Christian, the leader of the mutineers of the Bounty. The Bible will be placed in a glass case in Pitcairn Island church.

The Bible, printed in 1761, was taken from the Bounty by the mutineers, one of whom, John Adams, used it later to teach the children on Pitcairn Island. The Bible came into the possession of the Connecticut Historical Society in the United States, who agreed to return it to the island.—Reuter.

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Fraud cases now being investigated total £100m

By a Staff Reporter

Fraud cases involving £100m are being investigated by the fraud squad of the City of London police, according to the force's annual report published yesterday. It shows that fraud cases have increased from 39 investigations in 1970 to the present figure of 82.

"The City of London, being the country's financial centre, attracts and gives rise to a considerable number of fraudsmen indulging in commercial crime, including many from abroad", the report says.

The huge sum now involved derives from the bank collapses, Stock Exchange transactions and stockbroker failures. The report says: "The arrest figures and the number of cases being dealt with at this time are the highest in the history of the City section of the Metropolitan and City Police Company Fraud Department."

The fraud squad does not handle cases involving cheques and credit cards. Those are the responsibility of a separate squad and in 1974 it investigated crimes involving more than £500,000. Four hundred cheque books known to have been used by fraudsmen were handed in for investigation.

But in trying to combat the rising tide of fraud cases, which detectives see little hope of receding, the police suffer from a shortage of manpower. The fraud squad has a staff of 34, a figure that has not increased for some years. Yet detection involves much lengthy work. One officer is involved in a big investigation which has already lasted three years.

In his foreword to the report Mr James Page, the Commissioner of City Police, explains the effects of a 22 per cent shortage throughout his force. He notes the position of two fraud squad men who spent six weeks in court on a case and had to try to cover five other cases concurrently in their spare time.

Science report

Anthropology: Lapps and the reindeer

An economic crisis that has gradually built up for the Lapps of northern Scandinavia illustrates the kind of pressure that may in the past have forced wild animals into the service of man, with the eventual permanent loss of the feral population. The Lapps have traditionally herded reindeer without making any attempt at selective breeding. But after 16 months of field work in north-east Finland, Dr T. Ingold, of Cambridge University, believes that the tradition of symbiotic pastoralism may have to end. Selective breeding may now be the only solution to mounting ecological and economic problems. That could mean the irreversible loss of the wild reindeer.

The changing circumstances that culminated in the present crisis probably had their origin during the Second World War, Dr Ingold says. The number of deer in Finland then dropped by about 70 per cent. That allowed the usually well-grazed pastures to regenerate to an unprecedented extent, disrupting what had become a well established balance between the amount of reindeer breeding and the ability of pastureland to support the population.

The availability of ungrazed pastureland encouraged the rapid expansion of herds until the pasture became inadequate and the herds unmanageable. The animals became so widely dispersed that it was difficult for an individual herdsman to find his own animals to round up. That meant, first, that those with the largest herds were the ones to survive the difficulties and that wealth became concentrated in the hands of a few; and second, that the calves generally escaped capture and eventually fell into cooperative ownership.

Auctioning of the commonly owned calves has led to the monopoly of the owners' dealings and financing by speculators. At the same time, the dispersal of the herds has encouraged the use of snowmobiles in place of the traditional dogs and skis. With the erosion of individual ownership and the terror induced in the animals by the machines, the close relationship between man and animal, which has for centuries characterized the Lapp way of life, is rapidly collapsing.

Dr Ingold is convinced that the changes have resulted in an increase in unemployment together with lower productivity and a very uneven distribution of wealth. The only answer may be the selective breeding of deer for maximum docility and meat production. That might save the Lapp at the price of the wild reindeer.

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Seeing asthma as a nuisance rather than a debilitating disease

One of the striking differences between patient care today and that of a few years ago is the acceptance by most doctors that the more patients (and their parents) understand about their illnesses the more effective the treatment. One of the reasons for this trend is the development of powerful medicines whose action must be understood by the patient.

The previous generation of doctors who sat on their pinnacles making pronouncements to their patients had weak and often useless drugs to offer. Possibly their words had to carry such force in order to compensate for their ineffective pharmaceutical power. This was the era when many doctors made themselves less approachable by being "busy". Doctors were infallible and the atmosphere created was that the doctor knew best.

Books on individual diseases are now being written in straightforward language by specialists. Asthma is a good example of a disorder which needs to be understood, in detail, by the parents of patients and by the children themselves. All of them will benefit from an excellent new book written by Dr Simon Godfrey: *Your child with asthma—some advice for parents and others.*

One in 10 children suffer from asthma at some time. These children will involve many other people in addition to their parents, particularly school teachers. But they will also involve other children at school who may become alarmed by watching their school friend fighting for breath. And then there are all those parents for whom the word "asthma" carries as much dread as "cancer"—even more sometimes.

The basic reason for asthma is that affected individuals have bronchi which are more labile than normal. The walls of the bronchial tubes in the lungs contain muscle whose contraction causes the tube to narrow. This muscle is not under voluntary control as in the arms and legs but is "involuntary" like the muscles in the intestine, being under unconscious control but influenced by outside stimuli.

In the asthmatic, the bronchial muscle is abnormally sensitive to outside influences and these cause the muscle to go into spasm (bronchospasm). This abnormal sensitivity is often inherited. It can most easily be demonstrated by asking the child to run—exercise induces bronchospasm in the majority of children with asthma.

Other triggers vary with the individual child and fall into three main categories: allergy—by far the most important, infection and emotion. The role of infection has been exaggerated, leading to the use of a great deal of unnecessary antibiotics. The muscular effort involved in an attack of asthma is enough to cause fever without any infection being present. Moreover, if infection is a trigger it is much more often viral than bacterial and thus unaffected by ordinary antibiotics.

The apparent success of antibiotics is most often due to the natural and spontaneous end to the attack. For this reason it is always preferable that a throat swab and any sputum should be tested for the presence of pathogenic bacteria before starting antibiotic treatment. I am sometimes told by doctors that parents demand antibiotic treatment for this and other common problems in childhood. It is my impression that many parents are mostly more concerned to avoid the over-use of antibiotics. Asthma is also not an indication for the removal of tonsils and adenoids.

Fighting for breath is frightening and if a child panics so that he makes still more forceful attempts to breathe he will compress his bronchial tubes even farther. In this sense emotion plays a part. Fear or excitement may in themselves trigger an attack. But the "nervous" element of asthma has been over-emphasized and many of the children and their parents have been incorrectly regarded as emotionally disturbed. Asthma is disturbing to a whole family but as soon as the attacks have been kept down by modern treatment the family can function in a normal manner once again.

Many parents have felt they were to blame for an attack because their child recovers as soon as he goes into hospital and possibly even during the journey there. But many factors can account for this, one being that a major step has been taken and further decisions are now being left to other people. During an outpatient consultation for any condition it is common for the consultant to be told that the problem has got better since the appointment was made; this is often due to the same interaction.

Another reason for the child's improvement on admission to hospital is the reduction in the population of the house dust mite. A recent major research finding into the causes of asthma is that most asthmatic children are sensitive to this microscopic mite which lives on shed skin, likes the damp and is a natural inhabitant of all but brand new houses. Bedding and mattresses are full of dust which contains the mite. This is the common reason why attacks occur at night.

Some of the apparent sensitivity to pets is due to the presence of the mite in the dust which collects in their fur. Skin testing can determine whether the child is sensitive to the mite, to other animals and to pollens and grasses. From this a programme of desensitization can be planned but this is only an adjunct to the major form of treatment which is to remove the allergen to which the child is sensitive.

If possible, beds should be made when the child is out of the house. Bedclothes should be lightweight and of such a material that they can be washed easily and often. They should be shaken outdoors every day, if practical. Damp dusting and frequent vacuum cleaning will also keep down the dust.

Although there is no cure for asthma, nine out of 10 children will have lost the tendency by the time they reach their teens. Bad asthmatics have as good a chance of losing the disease as do those who only suffer mild attacks.

A parent's fear is that the attacks will damage their child's lungs, causing them to be permanently weak. Fortunately this is exceptional but it is important to ensure a maintenance of good chest shape and expansion. Physiotherapists can help by teaching a child to control his breathing and to breathe more economically. I have often been told by a child patient that he has now learnt how to cut short an attack by breathing in the way he has been taught.

The physiotherapist can also help by teaching the parents how to percuss the chest in order to avoid an accumulation of phlegm in the constric bronchi during the attack. I' common to be told that asth leads to bronchitis. Most of this describes the change fr wheezing to rattling in the c as phlegm accumulates. ting rid of the phlegm by cussion, so that none accu lates, means that the sympt cease as soon as the bron spasm stops. The stage "bronchitis" is avoided.

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The discovery of crom colate is a major advance even very young children be taught to use the spinh It is completely safe and made it possible for asthmatic children to take in games without wheezing. tisone has the disadvantage it stops children growing given for a long time, b may be life saving. More the newer preparations us an alternate day basis can this problem.

Salbutamol is a great ad over ephedrine since it ha same action on the sympa nervous system but doe cause the heart rate to be rapid.

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vernment will accept verdict: s Thatcher declares MPs not be fettered by result of poll

Commons

BBIT (Waltham Forest, C) asked if the Prime was satisfied with the of the arrangements, l on April 7 for ministers greed with government to have questions to them transferred to isters.

ROLD WILSON (Huy- —Yes.

BBIT—Yesterday in the Secretary of State for (Mr Benn) resolutely say whether our indus- stment prospects were ough being in Europe be worsened by leaving r not. Will Mr Wilson lim ?

LSON—I was not con- t some of the questions Benn were genuinely ormation. It is time the had a policy on some- ead of spending their ese kinds of questions.

ER MORRISON (City of)—Yesterday I asked Mr ther investments would own depending on with- staying in the EEC, but e to elicit the inform- efore will he dismiss Mr least until referendum se he is not keeping guidelines laid down by Minister.

SON.—I was aware that n was the originator of questions, which adds o my reply about the the questions. On the f investment and the ritain, I have tried to the campaign organiz- oth sides not to exag- e answer to our econo- ems lies within this

HUGHES (Newport, ld he comment on the eech by Mr Whitelaw nservative Party would ared to accept a "No" the forthcoming elec- is the old trick of in, tails you lose."

confirm that even the ministers of the Cabinet the wishes of the British this matter ? (Labour

LSON—I cannot com- e speech. There is no responsibility. There is of the Opposition ty either for the eeches of dissociation previous Conservative t which are made by the nt bench, such as they r laughter and cheers.) peeches, tedious and y as they are, might have force if the result was that Mrs Thatcher were now to get up and say that they will accept the verdict of the British people through the referendum. (Labour cheers.)

MRS MARGARET THATCHER, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C)—Would the Prime Minister clarify his position ? (Labour interruptions) I would accept the constitutional position with regard to MPs whether or not they are tied by the referendum vote. The constitutional position is that they cannot be fettered by the result of the referendum, as the Prime Minister said on January 23.

Will he clarify the position of the Labour Party ? Is he saying that whatever the turnout in the referendum, whatever the vote, whatever the majority, however small, every member of the Labour Party will be expected to vote in accordance with the result ? (Conservative cheers.)

MR WILSON—I am saying what I said in the general election—(Conservative cries of "Oh")—a precedent that she might care to follow on some occasions.

I said we would accept the majority verdict of the British people on this matter. (Labour cheers and Opposition interruptions.) We, the Government, will accept this, certainly. Mrs Thatcher has not answered the question repeatedly put to her, whether she will accept the verdict of the British people. (Labour cheers.)

She was complaining about fetters. She was fettered by a promise that Britain would not go in without the full hearted consent of the British people. What happened to the fetters on that occasion ? (Labour cheers.)

MRS THATCHER—Bearing in mind that the Prime Minister is paid to answer questions, clearly on that criterion he does not earn his keep. (Loud Conservative cheers.) Is the answer to my question "Yes" or "No" ?

MR WILSON.—I will certainly answer that. I deplore the personal attack—(Conservative cries of "Oh" and laughter)—contained in her opening remarks about the relationship between the salaries of Prime Ministers and productivity, because what she has said is a most terrible attack on her predecessor (Mr Heath) as Prime Minister. All his answers were questions to me. (Labour laughter.) I do it occasionally.

The answer is "Yes", we shall accept the verdict of the British people by a majority vote in the referendum (Renewed Labour cheers.)

MR WILLIAM HAMILTON (Central Fife, Lab)—Everybody in this House would agree with the wholehearted consent of the British people, whatever that might mean. But if it turns out that there is a 40 per cent poll and 21 per cent vote one way and 19 per cent the other, the Prime Minister can be assured that neither he nor anyone else will bind me on how I should vote. (Conservative cheers.)

MR WILSON—I have never regarded Mr Hamilton as a particularly bindable person on anything. He will be gratified by the cheers of Conservative MPs by what he has said. I do not recall that this is what he got on the Civil List. We find odd alliances across the floor of the House from time to time.

This is a hypothetical question. (Conservative interruptions.) I gather he is actively campaigning on these matters and if he has so little faith in his persuasive powers that he expects such a low poll, he will have to form his own judgment on the result.

I have said we shall accept the verdict of the British people and if a considerable number decide they do not want to vote, we shall take account of those who do want to vote. (Labour cheers.)

MR HURD (Mid Oxon, C)—When the Prime Minister was elected to the House did he not feel that he was sent here to exercise his judgment in the best interests of the nation ? Would he please stop reading to us lectures on arrogance and let us exercise our judgment in that way ?

MR WILSON—This is a unique occasion—a vote by the British people, their exercise of sovereignty. On the exercise of rights by MPs, nothing has been more blatant than the whipping of Opposition MPs at every stage of the European Communities Bill, and not one minister was allowed to dissociate during the whole passage of that Bill (Labour cheers.)

MR LIPTON (Lambeth, Central, Lab)—Despite the tender solicitude shown by MPs for the unity of the present administration, will he bear in mind that they are equally unhappy whether the present administration is divided or not ?

MR WILSON—I think that is true: I am touched by their solicitude but it is their only escape because they have no policy on any subject as became clear in the debate on the Budget over four days. One day Mrs Thatcher, who does not like answering questions, will tell us whether she supported the speech yesterday of Sir Keith Joseph (Leeds, North-East, C). They have talked about cutting expenditure. One day she will tell us about a single item she is going to cut.

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people were going to ether to stay in or come e cards should be on the e up. The whole tragic ad been a mistake.

CHELWOOD (C) said one could say how the y would develop or even would survive, but the its success of setting an o the world by voluntary partnership between ith the bright prospects ed to future generations on the political will and of all members of the ty.

MACKIE of BENSHIE the Common Agricultural ith all its faults, had been in the main objective f the EEC had not kept up production from its food would have been d in shorter supply on the arket last year. Prices ve gone up 50 per cent. ciple of providing for a must be accepted.

SHERFIELD said the tates had encouraged the ent of the European ities and British member- hem for political and stra- asons, and had accepted conomic disadvantage to itself in the interests of seeing a strong and united Europe.

LORD GEORGE-BROWN (Lab) said he was totally opposed to the referendum and if he could find enough peers to go with him he would try to stop it.

When the argument about the EEC was long forgotten the consequences would still have to be lived with of that intervention into the constitution. A referendum did not fit parliamentary democracy.

If there had been a referendum on September 2, 1939, there would be no peers sitting in the House of Lords. There would be no parliamentary democracy.

Political problem

The fact (he continued) that a few of us know—and not suspect—the manoeuvres that went on to solve a temporary parliamentary political problem, know how wrong it is to inflict this upon the nation, just because it was thought an easier way to accommodate a few people whom one could have met head on and demolished without much trouble.

The argument in the long term—or even in the medium term—was not over the price of butter or beef but the determination of the kind of political role seen for the nation and the Continent of which Britain was a part.

Britain had never gone it alone. She had always been a central party in some other grouping, and she still needed to be, unless it was proposed to export 20 or 30 million people from these islands.

LORD TRANMIRE (C) said that while the European Parliament grew in strength the British Parliament became weaker, and that was the main political objection to Britain being in the Community. He hoped the vote would be for Britain to leave. If Britain left she would be £2,200m better off on trade balance.

He would rather the referendum had come before Britain went in. Parliament clearly had not got the full-hearted consent of the British people when the European Communities Bill went through.

LORD SHACKLETON (Lab) said that he wished Parliament could pass a law which would be effective against having future referenda. Yesterday there were 35 speakers in the debate. Only five were against. One of them was a Communist. Fifteen Labour peers had spoken, of whom 11 were for and four against. Of that 11, nine were life peers who had not been dragged from the backwoods.

The argument about the preservation of the so-called British sovereignty was a mirage. The great tragedies of the past had been the failure of people to unite.

The BISHOP of SOUTHWARK said the reasons for staying in the EEC were those of peace and security, freedom, and learning to do away with family grudges.

Do we want (he said) to be to Europe what the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands are to Britain ?

LORD BRIGINSHAW (Lab) said Britain's problems were within Britain and if the country invested in itself and found unification then its problems would be different.

LORD O'NEILL of the MAINE said Britain would be [illegible] leave the EEC. The country would become an offshore island. The Commonwealth, as it existed 20 years ago, could not be recreated.

LORD BRUCE of DONINGTON (Lab) said the question was not whether Britain could afford to disentangle the Common Market arrangements, but whether she could afford to keep them as they were. The economic reasons alone for Britain leaving the Common Market were more compelling at present than those for remaining in.

LORD BOOTHBY said the sovereignty of Parliament had been troubling him a little bit, but there never had been a greater or more abject surrender of the sovereignty of Parliament than the ludicrous referendum.

Our future lies with Europe (he said), or we have no future at all.

LORD BYERS (L) said by leaving the EEC Britain would be putting at risk its peace and security as well as its economic future, and that was a high price to pay.

LORD CARRINGTON, Leader of the Opposition, said it was not possible for countries whose economies were so closely allied to behave as if foreign and defence policy were not of equal and crucial concern. In the long term there would be an increasing movement towards a common defence and foreign policy acceptable to all.

I would not (he said) like to see the future of Europe—which is my future and the future of my children and grandchildren—decided in a forum in which I am not represented and from which I have deliberately cut myself off.

Let us dedicate ourselves not to narrow insularity and nationalism but to the vision of a Europe prosperous, peaceful and showing what can be done by like-minded countries in good will—an example to others, an example in which Britain plays its proper and rightful part. The opportunity will not come our way again. (Cheers.)

LORD SHEPHERD, Lord Privy Seal, said he foresaw if they were to decide to come out, grave difficulties in finding a base for co-operation and for the exchange of merchandise and goods. They would still be sucking in the goods they had been for the last two years and they would at the same time create doubts in the minds of investors, manufacturing industries, traders and buyers overseas. The deficit would be infinitely greater. Perhaps it might be a complete disaster for this country in terms of foreign exchange.

The Government had no knowledge of such a deal as was described by Lord Wigg. If there had been such a deal he could only imagine that the Government would have become aware of it.

The future of Britain lay within the European Community for political more than economic reasons.

Lord Wigg's amendment was rejected by 263 votes to 21—Government majority, 242.

The Government motion was carried by 261 votes to 20—Government majority, 241.

House adjourned, 9.10 pm.

scribing of contraceptives by nurses

ILLER (East Kilbride, ed the Secretary of State l Services what action she ng on the letter published ritish Medical Journal last on the distribution and ion of oral contraceptives.

WEN, Minister of State for said in a written reply— er suggested that suitably state registered nurses e allowed to prescribe oral contraceptives to healthy women in certain circumstances.

This is a very complex matter which needs to be thoroughly explored and discussed with the various professions involved. We have therefore invited the Central Health Services Council, the Medicines Commission and the Committee on Safety of Medicines to set up a joint working group with membership drawn from each of the standing medical, nursing and midwifery and pharmaceutical advisory committees, lay members of the council, the Medicines Commission and the Committee on Safety of Medicines.

The working group will consider in detail the proposals contained in the British Medical Journal letter and is expected to make its recommendations to all three bodies which would consider them and convey their conclusions independently to us.

Servicemen abroad to get vote in referendum in their units

The Referendum Bill was considered in committee.

On Clause 1 (Holding of referendum),

MR WILLIAM RODGERS, Minister of State for Defence (Teesside, Stockton, Lab), moved an amendment to make special provision for those members of the Armed Forces and their spouses eligible to be registered as Service voters to vote in the referendum, whether or not they were so registered. Other amendments were discussed with it.

He said the amendment provided for voting to be conducted by the Services in units, and, in exceptional circumstances, in advance of the day appointed for the poll.

The Government were aware of the problem of the Service voters before the Bill was printed. The obstacle was finding a way round the problem which would not delay the referendum or create more anomalies. It was a race against time which the Government did not win before the Bill was printed.

There were 340,000 Servicemen and women entitled to be registered as Service voters, as were their spouses when they accompanied their wives or husbands abroad. Some 400,000 people were involved.

Only 25 per cent of these people were actually registered on the current electoral roll. This meant that 300,000 eligible Service voters would be unable to make known their wishes on the country's continued membership of the EEC.

Until 1969, Service personnel were required to register once as Service voters and after that their names were automatically included in subsequent registers. In that year, the Speaker's Conference on Electoral Law recommended changing to an annual registration so that Servicemen were brought in line with civilians.

The Speaker's Conference in 1973 recommended a return to the previous system because so few Service people had bothered to register.

The Government intend at an early opportunity (he said) to bring before the House appropriate legislation to give effect to this recommendation.

There was evidence that proxy voting was becoming increasingly unpopular and it might be thought to be particularly inappropriate in the forthcoming referendum.

The Government were proposing that Service personnel throughout the world, and their spouses, when overseas, should be given the opportunity to vote locally at special polling stations within their units, with the votes so cast being returned for counting in the United Kingdom.

The number of voting units was now thought to be nearer 1,000. It seemed to make practical sense that if votes could be counted in this country they should be.

It was impossible to devise a system of voting which was 100 per cent foolproof, but he was satisfied that the Government's arrangements and the provision of facilities for unit voting would enable all those in the Armed Forces eligible for inclusion in the electoral register to vote in the referendum.

[illegible] first was Servicemen who by reason of their geographical location on polling day would not have their votes returned to the United Kingdom in time for the count. These people were a minority, numbering only about 10 per cent, and the Government would try to reduce that proportion. They included sailors at sea and others who would be unable to reach a voting unit.

With the cancellation of the existing proxy arrangements, they would effectively be disenfranchized unless they were given the opportunity of voting before the referendum and the amendment sought to do that, although the details were still being worked out. The likelihood was that votes would be cast, sealed and returned by post direct to London.

The second exception involved Servicemen and women registered as Service voters who had left the forces or who would do so between now and polling day. They would still appear on the electoral register as Service voters.

There might be some 6,000 registered as Service voters who had left the forces. The Government proposed to allow the existing register to stand in addition to the provision for unit voting.

The greater part of their deployment overseas lay east of the meridian at Greenwich and they would experience polling day sooner than people in England. People under these arrangements would be voting elsewhere in the world while those in the United Kingdom would still be asleep. Overseas voting would be between 7 am and 10 pm hours local time on June 5, if June 5 was confirmed as the day.

That would enable all votes cast to be moved to the counting point in the United Kingdom within 42 hours of the close of the poll. The Government were satisfied that these arrangements would not delay the declaration of the result.

Despite all the Government's efforts, there would be a relative handful of men not able to vote in the referendum, including some registered who would be effectively disenfranchized because the proxies were cancelled. They would number a few hundred at the most. There would be a small number, perhaps 300 to 400, who would not be able to vote either on the day or in advance under these provisions.

He could not say how many of these had proxies, but it was likely that only 100 people would be disenfranchised and unable to vote under the present provisions of the law.

The Government thought that 90 per cent would vote in their unit. He hoped the figure would be higher. The 10 per cent, and he hoped the figure would be lower, would otherwise be eligible to vote in some other way.

Civilians

The important point about Opposition amendments which would bring members of reserve and auxiliary forces within the arrangements for Service voting was that these people were civilians. There was no reason in their case to suppose that they would not have availed themselves of the opportunity to register in the normal way. They were not on a forces' register but registered at home like everyone else.

If they were abroad on reserve duty on the day of the referendum, as it was estimated 3,000 of them might be, they would be entitled to vote by proxy. The amendments and the debate would bring to the attention of reservists likely to be abroad the desirability of making proxy arrangements and he was ready to consider whether any special steps could be taken to the same end.

From the Government's point of view it was right that all reservists abroad on the day of the referendum should recognize fully their entitlement under the Represen- [illegible]

Another Opposition amendment would include adult dependants overseas within the scope of the arrangements. Instinctively, he and others would be sympathetic to this proposal. Certainly they did not overlook the position of dependants, particularly children over the age of 18, when they drafted their amendment.

The basic difficulty was that dependants overseas had never been entitled to register as Service voters. Even the recent Speaker's Conference did not hear any evidence on this point. He intended to draw it to the attention of the Speaker's Conference if it should reconvene.

MR GILMOUR, Opposition spokesman on home affairs (Chesham and Amersham, C), said they were pleased the Government had gone a long way to meet their wishes over enfranchising Service voters.

MR ONSLOW (Woking, C) said he wondered about the position of men in detention centres. What, in particular, was the position of the wife in BAOR of the man returned to this country to serve his time in a United Kingdom detention centre ? Perhaps it illustrated how complex it all became once they started to consider the realities of Service life.

MR ENGLISH (Nottingham, West, Lab) said this was an attempt to change the electoral law quickly, without having the normal, relatively slow processes for consideration of the details, and their implications and anomalies.

If the electoral law was changed for a referendum, MPs were bound to say it could be changed for a general election. We are making an exception to the general election law (he said) which is a bad thing. By doing so we are giving votes to people who are overseas and often cut off from sources of information about the subject in question.

MR EMERY (Honiton, C) said that every person who could be brought to the polls should be encouraged to go. If there was a low turnout of, say, 48 per cent, with 24.5 per cent voting in favour of going out and 23.5 per cent in favour of staying in, 52 per cent of the electorate not having spoken, the Government would be in a difficult and embarrassing situation.

MR GRIMOND (Orkney and Shetland, L) said as many people as possible should vote in elections and referenda. The vote was the basic right of anybody. It was complete nonsense that they could only alter electoral law at a Speaker's conference.

MR PERCIVAL (Southport, C) said the Government had not shown sufficient concern for the auxiliaries and volunteers. It would be insufferable if any of them were deprived of their vote because the House had failed to ensure they were able to exercise that right.

Why limit the special provisions to members of the Services as defined in the Government amendment ? The Opposition amendments to a Government amendment took out the existing definition which was limited and substituted a much wider definition.

MR LAMOND (Oldham, East, Lab) said if service personnel were interested enough to wish to vote in a general election then their names would appear on the proxy list.

I fail to see (he said) why we should make a special amendment on this occasion to draw into the total numbers permitted to vote these people who have not been interested enough to come forward and register.

Those people who wanted the results of the referendum to be announced on a constituency basis should remember that the 300,000 Service votes would be counted centrally, so no MP, unless he had an exceptionally large majority, could confidently say his constitu-

MR LEADBITTER (Hartlepool, Lab) said it was not for a Labour Government or any government to seek in some way to disenfranchize people to justify the administrative niceties of counting and collecting votes. If he did not get a firm Government undertaking on this point, he would not vote for the clause.

MR WILLIAM RODGERS said they were seeking to ensure that all those eligible to be on the Service register had the best possible chance to vote on the day.

The Government amendment was agreed to.

40 majority against enfranchising those who work overseas

MR MCFARQUHAR (Belper, Lab) moved an amendment—debated with 12 other amendments—which, he said, would extend the franchise to British citizens living and working abroad.

He said that in the unique circumstances of the referendum there should be an extension of the franchise on the lines he proposed. The vote would settle the fate of Britain for decades or perhaps centuries to come. If someone missed the vote by being abroad he had lost the hope for ever of adding his vote to this crucial decision—a decision that affected not merely the voter but his children and grandchildren and further generations.

SIR MICHAEL HAVERS, Opposition spokesman on legal affairs (Merton, Wimbledon, C) said the Opposition felt that those abroad, many of them working for Britain, should be entitled to vote in the referendum. It was practicable. It could be done. The principle had been established.

That being so, though he preferred the Opposition amendment not only because it pinpointed the right of abode but also excluded those who had a right to vote in any other country, the Opposition felt in this particular case they would be prepared to support the Labour backbench amendment.

MR EDELMAN (Coventry, North-West, Lab) said it was within the observation of most MPs when they went abroad that those Britons resident abroad with whom they were concerned in this amendment were people who were engaged in the export trade, civil servants, teachers, students, all kinds of people who were serving the country abroad and should be considered as eligible.

MR STEEL (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L) said 100,000 men and women had gone to work in Europe since Britain joined the EEC. They had been sent abroad to promote exports, further the interests of British industry, or to help Britain's interest in various organizations. It was unfortunate these key people should be deprived of a vote in the referendum.

MR ADLEY (Christchurch and Lymington, C) said it had been put to him today by two or three British subjects on the continent that they were seriously considering taking the Government to the Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg if they were denied what they considered to be a fundamental human right.

The Lord President would have to take this seriously. It would be unfortunate if the referendum argument were to become embroiled in a legal issue in this way. It was hard to comprehend how the Government expected people to take the referendum and the result seriously in the absence of positive steps to enfranchise as many people as possible.

A number of people on the Continent were determined that if denied the right to vote, they would organize a private enterprise ballot. He feared that if the [illegible] of being a day of sham would become a day of shame.

MR GROCOTT (Lichfield and Tamworth, Lab) said it was the wrong time to make this kind of change in their electoral law and the change itself was based on a faulty and weak principle. Once it had been decided to refer an issue to the British people that was not the time to start discussing what precisely they meant by the British people.

MR POWELL (South Down, UUUC) said there were many on both sides of the House who believed that a new definition of citizenship was needed and that it was to this that the fundamental right of the vote should be attached. But just because he happened to be of that opinion and had often argued that it was an intolerable anomaly that citizens of the Republic of Ireland should have the franchise in the United Kingdom he did not accept that they ought to alter that fundamental definition otherwise than as part of a major reconsideration of their law of citizenship and of the franchise.

MR EDWARD SHORT, Lord President of the Council (Newcastle upon Tyne, Central, Lab) said the Government had reexamined this matter and any scheme would raise problems of principle as well as of practicality. Was it, for instance, equitable and just that people who had gone abroad to avoid their obligations as citizens should have a vote ?

We have established (he said) that it would be possible to construct a scheme in which those citizens of the United Kingdom and colonies outside the United Kingdom on June 5 would be able to vote. It would still probably be possible to do it in time though in a very makeshift way. I must be honest and say I think it could still be done.

The Government felt they could not accept less than five immediate conditions.

The first was the right of abode within the meaning of Section 2 of the Immigration Act 1971 and that this was stamped in a passport.

Second, that the applicant was not on a current Parliamentary election register in the United Kingdom.

Third, that they or their spouses had resided at some time in the United Kingdom.

Fourth, that their occupation, service or employment or that of their spouses was abroad.

Fifth, a vital assurance of continuing connexion with this country, that they declare an intention to return to reside in the United Kingdom.

Only the first of the five conditions could be verified in practice by looking at the passport. It would be impossible to check the others in time and this was the first problem. There was danger of abuse here. However, if these conditions were met overseas voters could attend to vote at about 265 posts, high commissions, embassies and consular posts throughout the world which had facilities and trained United Kingdom staff to cope. This small number of 265 created anomalies.

People may have (he said) to travel considerable distances to vote and ironically it would be the hard working businessman who would be much less likely to make the trip than the lotus eaters who live around the mediterranean.

The conditions together were the fairest scheme they could devise but still left serious loopholes and inequities and created as many anomalies as the scheme they were designed to remove.

The ability to vote would depend on access to a suitable post and the time and money to make the journey, not on merit. Also, the four other declarations would be open to abuse because even if a false statement should be uncovered there would be no prosecution unless the individual returned to this country. Many would never return.

Those living overseas who had returned to this country to live during the referendum would not be able to vote. Nor, for example, would the doctor who had been working in central Africa who had returned to this country since last October.

Any register in the United Kingdom excluded, by accident, up to 3 per cent to 4 per cent of the electorate to vote in the United Kingdom, but not registered would not be able to vote.

An unknown number of British people overseas, many of whom had turned their backs on this country and had no intention of returning, would be enfranchised by the amendments.

As for the offshore islands, arrangements would have to be made for United Kingdom citizens resident in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man to vote there, but the citizens of those islands who were not citizens of the United Kingdom would not be able to vote.

If the lotus eaters turned up at the embassy in Madrid and claimed to be writers or consultants, it would be impossible to check that in the time available.

The official Opposition amendment would deny a vote to those overseas who had the right to vote in any other country, but entitlement to vote in Australia and New Zealand was not a matter of personal choice, but a matter of resi- [illegible] ment to the United Kingdom.

It was fundamental to their electoral system that entitlement to vote rested on a residence qualification, and that the electoral register showing those entitled to vote should be open to challenge by anyone. Service voters were entitled to vote. The Government amendments simply made it easier for them to do so.

If the House accepts these amendments (he said) we will be enfranchising a quite unknown number of people, some of whom certainly are genuinely attached to this country, and are pursuing its interests abroad, but many of whom have chosen to live abroad merely to avoid their obligations as citizens in this country, participating in the country's life and future. I do not know how many of those there are, but there are many.

If the amendment was carried and the referendum result was close, MPs should be in no doubt that the vulnerability of the scheme to abuse, and its anomalies, would undermine confidence in the result and acceptance of it.

MR MICHAEL STEWART (Hammersmith, Fulham, Lab) said Mr Short had not done justice to the argument in his reference to lotus eaters. None of them could give an exact figure for the number of useful and devoted citizens working abroad on one hand and the number of lotus eaters on the other.

It is not right (he said) to try and influence the argument by suggesting that the lotus eaters are the rule and useful citizens are the exception.

MR GERALD FOWLER, Minister of State, Privy Council Office (The Wrekin, Lab), asked if this was the right moment to take a leap in the dark and break with the recommendations of every Speaker's Conference which had considered extension of the franchise, that the entitlement to vote should be restricted to British subjects with a residential qualification and citizens of the Republic of Ireland, without going through the normal procedure of the Speaker's Conference and the Representation of the People Act. The Labour backbench amendment was rejected by 251 votes to 211—Government majority, 40.

Commercial activities by local councils

MR CLEMITSON (Luton, East, Lab) was given leave, by 187 votes to 124—majority, 63, to introduce the Local Government (Enabling) Bill to extend the powers of local authorities in relation to commercial and trading activities.

He said that it was not at all a bad time to give a general enabling power to local authorities to perform functions in trade and commerce.

One of the causes of the unpopularity of local government was that councils were set about by limitations to their power, and initiatives were stifled. They had had slapped on them just those functions which were by nature, expensive and non-profit making.

Why should local councils not run an estate agency service—(Labour cheers)—why not act as undertakers since many had control over cemeteries and crematoria; why should they not be entrepreneurs and initiators instead of merely the unpopular agents for an increasing range of powers thrust on them by central government ?

In a number of areas, local authorities could provide better services at the same or a lower cost and they could provide some services which were not provided at all.

It would make more sense for local authorities to earn money through local enterprises than through local lotteries.

MR MICHAEL LATHAM (Melton, C), opposing the introduction of the Bill, said it had no chance of getting through. He declared an interest as a director in the building industry.

Ratepayers were gravely concerned at the burdens placed on them and he could think of nothing which ratepayers would want less than increases in local government staff at present. He dreaded to think of the number of staff involved in Mr Clemitson's suggestions.

Nobody not blinded by political prejudice believed that local authorities had either the expertise or the power to deal with those matters. (Labour laughter.)

Businesses, especially under this Government, occasionally made losses and it was the ratepayers, every time, who would bear the losses of local authority businesses.

Application of 25pc VAT to antiques

MR PARDOE (North Cornwall, L) asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer to make a statement to clarify the application of the 25 per cent VAT rate on antiques.

MR GILBERT, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said in a written reply—The 25 per cent rate of VAT is to apply to both new and used goods, including antiques, of the kinds specified in the Budget resolution.

Accordingly, from May 1, 1975, higher rate is to be chargeable on sales in the course of a business of, for example, antique jewelry, silver and jade; most plate will remain chargeable at the standard rate.

Exports will, of course, continue to be zero-rated and sales by private individuals not in the course of a business will remain outside the scope of the tax.

The existing special secondhand scheme for antiques will continue, and higher-rated antiques sold under the scheme are to be chargeable at the 25 per cent rate on the basis of the seller's margin instead of on the full selling price.

The higher rate is also to apply to the valuation of, and various other services in respect of, rated antiques, but it will not apply to the auctioneering or brokerage of such goods,

MP's complaint rejected

THE SPEAKER ruled on the submission yesterday by Mr Rose (Manchester, Blackley, Lab) that an attempt had been made to harass him and deter him from the execution of his parliamentary duties and that that constituted a breach of privilege.

THE SPEAKER said that he had considered the complaint from Mr Rose and the solicitor's letter he had received which Mr Rose submitted constituted a breach of privilege.

He had considered the submission carefully together with the parliamentary questions Mr Rose had referred to and had come to the conclusion that the action he had been threatened with did not appear to relate to any proceedings in Parliament.

He did not therefore consider that he was justified in giving Mr Rose's complaint precedence over the orders of the the day.

Parliamentary notices

House of Lords
Today at 2.30: Debate on proportional representation. Debate on the textile industry. Debatable question on industrial lung diseases.

House of Commons
Today at 2.30: Proceedings on the Referendum Bill.

Long time before persuasion succeeds

MR PETER MORRISON (City of Chester, C) asked if the Secretary of State for Employment remained satisfied with the working of the social contract.

MR MICHAEL FOOT (Ebbw Vale, Lab)—Progress has been made on both the Government side and the trade union side in fulfilling the social contract which covers a whole range of policies, but firmer adherence to the spirit of the TUC guidelines is certainly required if we are to avoid higher unemployment and curb inflation.

MR MORRISON—Does the Secretary of State agree with the Chancellor of the Exchequer that wages are rising too fast which means that the social contract is no longer working ? Would he list the major settlements that have been made which are lower than the social contract ?

MR FOOT—It is neither appropriate nor right or desirable that the Government should list individual settlements in that way.

It is true that wage settlements have been running ahead of the cost of living or the retail price index and this is one of the factors which led to the Budget measures. I would not agree that that means the social contract is no longer working.

The social contract covers many other things apart from wages and in many cases the guidelines are being followed.

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab)—Does not the social contract also cover job security ? Does not he take the hint from the Chancellor's Budget speech when he seemed to declare that a new and further development of the social contract and economic strategy is to create a greater pool of unemployed ?

This leads to the conclusion that for some people the social contract is a contract to join the dole queue.

MR FOOT—I would not accept that description. What the Chancellor was seeking to say was that if the rate of inflation were to continue to run in this country at a considerably higher rate than in other countries, it would also threaten jobs in this country, and this is why action has to be taken to deal with it.

MR CYRIL SMITH (Rochdale, L)—How do we determine whether one settlement is within or outside the social contract ? Is it when a percentage of 30 per cent or 20 per cent is allowed ? How do we know ?

MR FOOT—He should study the guidelines laid down by the TUC because one aspect of them is to keep up with the cost of living. There are other guidelines, such as the 12-month rule, the possibility of restructuring in some cases and special provision for meeting the lower paid target, which also have to be taken into account.

For these reasons it is not possible to summarize the guidelines in terms of a single percentage.

MR PRIOR, Opposition spokesman on employment (Lowestoft, C)—First, we are sorry to hear that the Secretary of State has to go into hospital for an operation.

We regard the social contract as nothing but a busted flush. (Labour protests.) We do not understand how the Secretary of State can get up and say that he believes that the social contract is preventing unemployment and keeping down inflation because it is so plainly doing neither of these things. The social contract seems to bind the Government and place the nation in bondage.

MR FOOT—My illness, like Mark Twain's death, has been greatly exaggerated. (Laughter.)

There have been strains and stresses on the social contract guidelines. Nobody denies it and nobody ever imagined that you could simply solve the whole problem of the relationship between wages, unemployment and inflation—and that is what the social contract is seeking to do.

It will take a long time before the processes of persuasion are successful. Mr Prior cannot say that it is a busted flush because it has not succeeded already.

Representatives of the Government had good discussions with representatives of the General Council of the TUC yesterday and they indicated clearly the strains, some of them resulting from the measures the Chancellor felt compelled to take in the Budget, that have been imposed on the social contract.

The social contract came out of that discussion stronger than when it went into it.

MR BRITTAN (Cleveland and Whitby, C)—As the Secretary of State insists on recognizing a dead creature as if it were a live one will he at least confirm that it remains the Government's policy in no circumstances to resort to statutory intervention on wages ?

MR FOOT—Yes. Certainly we have no intention of returning to the statutory policy. That was an utter disaster. That is why we think it is so irresponsible for those who led us to disaster under the statutory policy to be pouring scorn and anything else they can lay their hands on on the social contract as it operates.

It is a pity that the Opposition cannot rediscover some of the virtues of democracy which lie at the heart of our voluntary policy.

Racing

Kew Gardens should benefit from his previous outing

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

The City and Suburban Stakes at Epsom today has attracted its *biggest field since the war.* No one rides this tricky switchback course better than Lester Piggott who has already won this particular race four times. No other jockey riding in the race this afternoon has won it more than once. *The mile and* a quarter course at Epsom is an even greater test of a jockey than the Derby course because there is less time in which to manoeuvre into a good position before that long crucial descent to Tattenham Corner.

Firestreak, My Swanee, Karabas and Tandy are those who have benefited from Piggott's expertise in this race in the past and today I hope to see him increase his tally to five by winning it again *on a particular favourite of mine,* Kew Gardens. I thought that Kew Gardens looked exceptionally well when I saw him in his stable at Kingsclere *in March not long before* he ran such a good race in the Rosebery Stakes at Kempton Park.

Kew Gardens looked like winning there until he tired in the heavy ground a furlong from *home. He finished fourth behind* William Pitt and Sin Y Sin who were both fitter than he, having been hurdling in the winter. With *that* race to *his credit Kew Gardens* ought to be capable of beating them this time.

Our Newmarket correspondent fancies Fanatico who has been working well and I know that Fulke Johnson Houghton will be disappointed *if Petocracy does not* make a good show. She beat Rymer at Newbury last September and Rymer went on to finish fourth in the Cambridgeshire not far behind the first three who were, Flying Nelly, Kew Gardens and Traquair.

Kew Gardens was beaten by The Dunce at Haydock Park later in the season but he meets him *now on 8 lb better terms. Further*more, whereas Kew Gardens has had a race this season The Dunce has not. Twelve months ago Belper won this race by beating Jumpabout by a length. Belper has the same weight to carry this afternoon but Jumpabout has 2 lb more. Today's race, again sponsored by Ladbroke Holidays, has attracted a better class of field headed by a *talented five-year-*old, Gloss. We may not see the best in him until the ground dries. *Swell Fellow* who did nothing but improve last year, is another who has not run this season. The advantage of a previous race lies, as I mentioned earlier, with Kew Gardens and that could be a decisive factor.

Piggott may also win *the* Banstead Stakes on Hey Presto and the Warren Stakes as well on *Albrighton.* Hey Presto is by the fast sprinter, Mummy's Pet. Having run at Kempton Park she will be much more aware of what is required of her now. Albrighton carried 9 st 7 lb when he won a handicap at Beverley. That, I suggest, was a better performance than even Charlotson's easy win at Kempton Park where he finished eight lengths in front of TV Sun*day, or Spring Barley's promising* effort behind Master Petard in the Wood Ditton Stakes at Newmarket last week.

Royal Sensation (4.15) who beat the talented filly, Firework Party at Newbury in the autumn, *and Tolspring (4.45) are likely* winners for the champion jockey, Patrick Eddery, on an afternoon that promises to be dominated by champions past and present.

Time may prove me wrong but I doubt if the field for yesterday's *Blue Riband trial stakes contained* a good colt in the true sense. But it is only fair to point out that both the winner, a rank outsider, Romper, and the runner-up Golden Swan, are new to the sport and that they should improve with time and racing. One look at them in the paddock beforehand left one in no doubt that the race would do them good. Ridden by *Frank Morby, Romper was last* turning into the straight and apparently in dire trouble. But Morby persevered when others might have given up

Once in top gear Morby brought him to challenge on the wide outside, free from interference, while some of his rivals were contriving to *hamper each other.* No sooner had Golden Swan fought off Baldur than Romper came sailing by on his outside with a run that was irresistible.

Flash Imp, well ridden by Philip Cheese (centre), winning the Great Metropolitan Handicap at Epsom yesterday from Super Nova (left) and Night Echo.

Later Fulke Johnson Houghton, the successful trainer, admitted that another of his three-year-old colts, Libra's Rib, had been working much better than Romper at home. Libra's Rib could finish *only fourth in the* Craven Stakes last week. Perhaps that puts yesterday's race in perspective.

Nevertheless, Romper is to be allowed to take *his chance in* a Derby trial, probably at Lingfield Park. Romper joined Johnson Houghton's stable only because he threw such a large splint when he was a yearling that his owner, Dr John Hobby, thought it inadvisable to try *to sell him at the sale. It* was on the advice of the British Bloodstock Agency's representative, Major John Lewis, that Dr Hobby had paid 10,500 guineas for Romper when he was a foal at the *time they had* a resale *in mind.* Yesterday's prize was certainly handsome reward.

Epsom is a notoriously difficult course to ride, something that two apprentices, Sean Salmon and Peter Young, are probably now realizing to their cost. I was not alone in thinking that Salmon ought to have won the 130th Great Metropolitan Handicap on Super Nova. *Salmon was in all the* trouble that there was going and then made matters worse by trying to squeeze through a gap that was too narrow. Super Nova was catching Flash Imp fast as the race ebbed away but by then it was *much too* late.

In contrast, Flash Imp was well ridden by another apprentice, Philip Cheese. This was only his second winner. He had, however, ridden his first on the course last *August* and he *does* work for Ron Smyth, who trains at Epsom. Working there day in and day out, Cheese must know the place better than *Salmon, who is attached to* William Elsey's stable in Yorkshire and has done most of his riding in the north.

The Great Met has been won often by a hurdler and so it proved once again. Flash Imp finished second in the Champion Hurdle. Peter Young, who rode Stetchworth Lad into second place in the Epsome Handicap, was criticized afterwards *for giving his* mount, who had won at Newmarket last week, too much ground to make up in the straight. It was a fair criticism.

The four-day acceptors for Saturday's *big meeting at San*down Park were released yesterday. Fifteen steeplechasers have stood their ground for the Whitbread Gold Cup and that list is headed by Captain Christy and Ten Up, both of whom have now won the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Also among the acceptors are Crisp and Barona, who only last Saturday won the Scottish Grand National. Eighteen older horses are still engaged in the Westbury stakes. They include Imperial Prince (who finished second in *the Derby last* year), Prominent, Never Return, Jimsun, Himawari and Understudy. *Burleigh* and *Consol* are the best known of the 16 who stood their ground for the classic trial there on the same *afternoon.*

Hollow Laughter has potential to win

By Michael Seely

Frank Carr has enjoyed considerable success with the horses he has trained for Robert Sangster, whose multi-national activities in the bloodstock world have been so much in the news recently. It is five years since Sangster bought a four-year-old mare, Scotia's Girl, from John Banks. Since that time the partnership of Carr and Sangster has been a particularly fruitful one. This season the Yorkshire-based trainer can *boast an even prouder* record on behalf of the managing director of Vernons Pools. Sangster has only three horses in training at Malton—Now 'N' Then, Doubtful Number and Hollow Laughter. Altogether they have won four races in their only starts to date.

This afternoon at Redcar Carr hopes to make it five victories off the reel when he saddles Hollow Laughter in the Spring Stakes. Hollow Laughter, a 9,200 guineas purchase as a yearling, trotted up in a maiden race on her *reappear*ance at Beverley recently. After that race Carr was reported to have backed the filly for the Oaks. The Irishman points out that the wager was struck more as a joke than in earnest as he was lured *into the bet by the attrac*tive odds offered by Hill's representative on the spot.

The filly at this stage of her career has not done the kind of homework that would entitle her even to be considered as a classic candidate. Indeed, if she wins today the next step will be to decide whether to fulfil an engagement for maidens at closing at Chester. However, the *shrewd and realistic* trainer must judge Hollow Laughter to be a progressive type of three-year-old to have chanced his arm to that extent.

Even with the penalty for her Beverley win the filly still carries bottom weight in this afternoon's handicap run over one mile and a half. Untried over the distance, Hollow Laughter is bred to stay every yard of it, but will encounter stern opposition from Flirter and Fiery Copper, who were divided by *half a length when first and second* in a handicap at Ripon last Wednesday. Flirter won cleverly and, on only one pound worse terms, should confirm that running with Fiery Copper. Though respecting the chances of Flirter from the *other* Malton stable in form, that of Patrick Rohan. I am stand by the potential of Holl Laughter.

A time-honoured recipe .or s cessful punting is that of follow two-year-old winners until they beaten. Although the odds will necessity be prohibitive noth seems to *stand in the* way Delayed Action providing the tr of the old maxim in the Pan Plate. Trained by Geoffrey T at Beverley, the Jolly Jet filly been ridden to spreadeagl triumphs in her only three ra by Brian Connorton, the fill recent decisive four length beat of the Brocklesby winner, F Quay, at Ayr being particula impressive.

The Redcar winner, Crook Devon, and Woodsome, succes at Doncaster on Easter Saturd are both sharp sorts but neit should match the pace of Dela Action.

The other two-year-old race, Bushby Auction Plate should go Singapore Fling, beaten a neck Another Native in a similar ev at Thirsk on Friday. There considerable confidence beh *both the principals in* that ra Although Singapore Fling wa trifle flattered by his proximity the winner the colt can m amends this afternoon, ther adding to the already formida total of two-year-old winr *trained by Ken Payne.*

A Middleham stable may take the Seaside Stakes wh Sam Hall saddles Broug Harbour. *This is a difficult pu* to solve, as none of the runr possesses recent form of m account, but Broughty Harbou very much at home on he ground. The four-year-old too handicap in similar conditions *Doncaster in November*

Lester Piggott, who needs c one more classic winner to ec Fred Archer's *total of 21,* c firmed at Epsom that he wo ride Rose Bowl in the 1,000 Gu eas and Mark Anthony in 2,000 Guineas.

Barry Hills's Irish Oaks winr Dibidale, makes her first appe ance of the season in the Joc Club Stakes at Newmarket on M 2 with Carson in the saddle.

STATE OF GOING (official): Eps Good to soft. Redcar: Heavy. Wor ter. Soft. Perth: Good. Taunton *morrow): Soft.*

Epsom programme

[*Television* (*IBA*): 3.10, 3.40 and 4.15 *races*]

2.0 BANSTEAD STAKES (2-y-o Fillies : £577 : 5f)

101		Amanda Blue (F. Laker), R. Smyth, 8-11 ...... T. Cain 3	9
102		Bay Tree's Girl (D. Toomey), R. Smyth, 8-11 G. Lewis	2
104		Blackfoot Girl (P. Payne), R. Smyth, 8-11 .. G. Ramshaw	6
106		Dreaming (E. Covell), B. Westbrook, 8-11 .... B. Taylor	1
108		Halling (R. Lingham), S. Supple, 8-11 .... F. Durr	
109	3	Hey Presto (H. Joel), S. Ingham, 8-11 .... L. Piggott	5
110	0	Levant Melody (H. Vickery), T. Gosling, 8-11 .. A. Murray	7
113		Miss Starch (A. Spence), A. Pitt, 8-11 .... A. Bond 5	4
118	0	Wily Kim (A. Jarvis), W. Marshall, 8-11 .... R. Marshall	8

6-4 Hey Presto, 9-2 Amanda Blue, 6-1 Levant Melody, 7-1 Dreaming, 8-1 Miss Starch, 10-1 Bay Tree's Girl, Blackfoot Girl, 12-1 others.

2.35 WARREN STAKES (3-y-o : £1,616 : 1¼m)

201	02131-	Don Fortune (Sir C. Clore), B. van Cutsem, 9-3 W. Carson	3
202	01-1	Albrighton (Sir R. Macdonald-Buchanan), H. Cecil, 8-12 L. Piggott	5
205	000-1	Charlotson (D) (R. Richmond-Watson), G. Smyth, 8-12 P. Waldron	2
206	0041-	Great Lad (E. Benjamin), W. Wightman, 8-12 M. L. Thomas	7
207	030-0	Invergayle (J. Allbritton), J. Hindley, 8-8 ... A. Kimberley	8
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] B. Hobbs, 8-8 .. G. Lewis	4
213	2	Spring Barley (K. Dodson), S. Ingham, 8-8 .. G. Ramshaw	6
214	00-3	TV Sunday (A. Shead), B. Hills 8-8 ...... P. Eddery	1

9-4 Albrighton, 7-2 Charlotson, 6-1 TV Sunday, 13-2 Don Fortune, 8-1 Spring Barley, 10-1 Silent Town, 12-1 Great Lad, Invergayle, 14-1 others.

3.10 CITY AND SUBURBAN STAKES (Handicap : £3,783 : 1m 2f)

302	04300-0	Gloss (D) (D. Blackburn), T. Corbett, 5-9-4 .. P. Eddery	2
303	00300-2	Sin Y Sin (Dr J. Sahagun), R. Smyth, 4-9-0 I. Jenkinson 5	8
304	2d111-	Swell Fellow (D) (Lord J. Crichton-Stuart), J. Hindley, 4-9-0 A. Kimberley	10
305	4040-	Dolcswood (F. Tory), R. Akehurst, 4-9-0 .. C. Williams	9
306	11123-4	Kew Gardens (D) (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 4-8-13 L. Piggott	5
307	231111-	The Dunce (D) (Duke of Devonshire), B. van Cutsem, 4-8-13 W. Carson	4
308	000024-	Bright Fire (CD) (H. Blagrave), Blagrave, 7-8-12 J. Matthias 5	3
309	0040-1	William Pitt (D) (H. Joel), S. Ingham, 6-8-10 G. Ramshaw	6
310	210200-	Jumpabout (D) (W. Maskell), J. Sutcliffe jun, 5-8-5 B. Rouse	1
312	22200-0	Montreal Boy (D) (C. Gaventa), R. Smyth, 4-8-1 T. Cain 5	11
313	430-0	Antonius (D) (R. MacLeod), D. Morley, 4-8-0 .. A. Murray	12
314	242-200	Mon Legionnaire (C) (Mrs A. Bernheim), N. Vigors, 4-8-0 P. Cook	17
315	1000-04	Indian Mark (C) (F. Rowe), W. Marshall, 4-7-11 D. McKay	15
316	102000-	Belper (CD) (Lady Manton), J. Dunlop, 6-7-11 D. Gillespie 7	14
317	3-	Fanatico (Y. Yamamoto), M. Stoute, 4-7-11 .. E. Johnson	7
319	100013-	Petocracy (Dr J. Hobby), R. Houghton, 4-7-10 D. Cullen	16
320	2420-00	Prince Gourmet (D) (H. Brosnan), B. Swift, 6-7-9 M. L. Thomas	13
321	0421-00	Kafka (D) (E. Brown), Denys Smith, 5-7-7 L. Charnock 7	18

7-2 Kew Gardens, 6-1 Swell Fellow, 13-2 The Dunce, 7-1 Sin Y Sin, 8-1 William Pitt, 10-1 Fanatico, 12-1 Jumpabout, 14-1 Belper, Gloss, 16-1 Petocracy, 20-1 others.

3.40 HYDE PARK STAKES (2-y-o : £578 : 5f)

403	34	Black District (N. Callaghan), Callaghan, 8-11 W. Hood	4
404	00	Chief Constable (L. Clark), R. Swift, 8-11 ...... P. Cook	9
405	04	Golden Bird (G. Pearce), W. Marshall, 8-11 R. Marshall	1
406	23	Mister Jim (J. Fallon), R. Hannon, 8-11 .... F. Durr	8
407	0	Tallon (G. Greenwood), A. Stevens, 8-11 R. Weaver 5	3
408		Mandate (B. Wigham), J. Sutcliffe jun, 8-8 .. B. Rouse	5
409		Red Rogue (J. Ratcliffe), M. Haynes 8-8 .... T. Carter	7
410	0	*Sanpaul (J. Hanifan), R. Hannon, 8-8 .... —	2
411		Another Pat (T. Nicholls), D. Jermy 8-? ...... J. Curant	6

2-1 Mister Jim, 5-1 Black District, 9-2 Golden Bird, 6-1 Chief Constable, 8-1 Mandate, 12-1 Tallon, 20-1 others.

4.15 APRIL STAKES (Handicap: 3-y-o: Fillies: £1,153: 1m 110yd)

501	01-	Royal Sensation (Mrs C. Bingham), P. Walwyn, 9-0 P. Eddery	3
502	011	Howells (R. Sangster), B. Hills, 8-10 ...... W. Carson	7
503	0210-	Dancing Princess (Sir D. Clague), P. Nelson, 8-7 G. Lewis	1
507	031-2	Smart Shirley (C) (C. Gaventa), R. Smyth, 8-2 T. Cain 3	5
508	0401-30	Be Faithful (P. Pritchard), B. Swift, 7-13 ...... J. Gray 7	4
509	11222-0	Spirit Lake (J. Roebling), I. Balding 7-13 .... I. Carter	2

13-8 Smart Shirley, 11-4 Howells, 5-1 Royal Sensation, 8-1 Dancing Princess, 12-1 Be Faithful, Spirit Lake.

4.45 GREAT SURREY STAKES (Handicap : £1,180 : 6f)

601	443000-	Major Bee (Lady Nugent), P. Nelson, 5-9-8 .... L. Piggott	9
603	340230-	Import (H. Cayzer), W. Wightman, 4-9-5 M. L. Thomas	1
604	00400-3	Fair Tactics (T. Hammond), G. Peter-Hoblyn, 5-9-4 A. Murray	5
605	221000-	Perfect (Mrs Westley), T. Corbett, 6-9-2 .... W. Carson	10
607	40040-1	Tolspring (S. Jackson), Denys Smith, 5-9-1 .... P. Eddery	4
608	10130-0	Blaslavon (M. Lockey), G. Hunter, 6-9-0 .. J. Reid 5	3
609	004130-	Merry Cricketer (T. Kelly), A. Pitt, 6-8-8 .... G. Lewis	6
611	000203-	Power and Glory (O. Rowswell), D. Marks, 4-8-5 W. Jesse	8
613	0-04100	Ritruda (C. Berlin), D. Marks, 5-8-1 .... C. Baxter	7
614	300000-	Verily Sam (Mrs L. Winton), J. Sutcliffe jun, 6-8-0 B. Rouse	8

7-4 Tolspring, 4-1 Fair Tactics, 11-2 Merry Cricketer, 6-1 Import, 8-1 Blaslavon, 10-1 Major Bee, 12-1 Power and Glory, 14-1 others.
*Doubtful runner.

Epsom selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.00 Hey Presto. 2.35 Albrighton 3.10 KEW GARDENS is specially recommended. 3.40 Mr Jim. 4.15 Royal Sensation. 4.45 Tolspring.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.35 Albrighton. *3.10 Fanatico. 3.40 Black District.*

Redcar programme

2.0 FAIRFIELD HANDICAP (£471 : 6f)

1	0123-00	Hellsapoppin (T. Kelso), W. Haigh, 4-9-7 .... O. Gray 3	2
2	10000-0	Cross Boy (D) (Mrs S. Williams), D. Williams, 4-9-5 D. Maitland	7
5	00000-0	Honey Bright (B. Richmond), Richmond, 4-9-0 S. Salmon 5	13
7	00400-0	Safari Sovereign (Miss M. Dawson), M. W. Easterby, 3-9-0 E. Hide	11
9	00420-0	Mr Manacle (CD) (R. Batten), K. Whitehead, 4-9-0 J. Skilling	15
11	040100-	Nashville Lady (Mrs L. Payne), K. Payne, 3-8-12 T. Lappin	16
12	430240-	Military Road (B. Kenyon), J. Berry, 4-8-12 .. S. Houker 7	4
14	0030-02	Witches Broom (J. Hardy), Hardy, 3-8-7 ...... C. Moss	12
15	003-0	Ridgeway (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 3-8-0 .... A. Cousins	3
16	040200-	Learned Friend (K. Cundell), P. Cundell, 4-8-0 R. Middleton 7	9
19	21000-3	Just A Touch (K. Haran), D. Williams, 3-7-11 .. K. Leason	6
20	000-	Spy Lord (P. Rohan), Rohan, 3-7-11 .... L. C. Parkes	5
21	410-	Tack Rule (W. C. Watts), Watts, 3-7-9 .. D. Nicholls 7	8
22	00000-2	Gala Galore (Mrs K. Cornforth), L. Shedden, 3-7-7 K. Lewis 5	1
23	020000-	Havaglass (W. Hewitt), R. C. Ward, 3-7-7 .. C. Eccleston	14
24	0240-	Slingwrap (Mrs J. Gold), K. Payne, 3-7-7 .... S. Eccles 7	10

4-1 Hellsapoppin, 5-1 Just a Touch, 6-1 Witches Broom, 13-2 Gala Galore, 8-1 Mr Manacle, 10-1 Nashville Lady, Safari Sovereign, 12-1 Cross Boy, Honey Bright, Tack Rule, 16-1 others.

2.30 BUSHBY PLATE (2-y-o : £414 : 5f)

[illegible]		[illegible] Easterby, 8-11 E. Hide	8
3		Spring Willow (Mrs H. Meadows), K. Payne, 8-11 .. T. Lappin	7
6		Cheeny Boy (R. Hugue), Miss S. Hall, 8-3 ...... S. Parks	11
8	4	Windy Sail (Mrs E. Gibson), H. Blackshaw, 8-2 .. A. Horrocks	10
9	0	Arthur Askey (D. Thom), Thom, 7-13 .... J. Higgins	5
10	00	Daves Squal (K. Chapman), T. Fairhurst, 7-13 .... C. Dwyer	9
12	2	Singapore Fling (M. Bass), K. Payne, 7-13 ...... A. Cousins	3
13		Town Tipp (Mrs P. Russell), R. Bastiman, 7-13 .. G. Duffield	1
14	03	Urray Harry (D. Coppenhall), R. Hollinshead, 7-13 K. Lewis 5	4
16	00	Worthy Star (Mrs O. Moore), S. Nesbitt, 7-13 C. Eccleston	2
17		Beverley (W. Lockwood), M. W. Easterby, 7-10 J. Buchanan 7	6

7-4 Singapore Fling, 5-2 Urray Harry, 9-2 Windy Sail, 6-1 French Tyrant, 10-1 Town Tipp, 12-1 Spring Willow, 16-1 others.

3.0 SEASIDE HANDICAP (£461 : 1¾m 160yd)

3	00000-	Outpoint (J. Westoll), H. Collingridge, 5-9-10 .. G. Sexton	5
5	340013-	Baker Brown (C. Bell), F. Carr, 4-9-4 .... E. Eldin	2
7	031004-	Mr McMandy (E. Holland-Martin), J. Ormston, 5-9-3 B. Raymond	4
9	021-04	Happy Jet (CD) (Denys Smith), Smith, 5-8-13 .. E. Knowles 7	3
10	10031-0	Broughty Harbour (H. Lawson), S. Hall, 4-8-12 .. E. Apter	7
12	004044-	Sant Angelo (R. Creese-Parsons), P. Rohan, 5-8-10 J. Seagrave	6
18	214000-	My Ribero (C. Hague), B. Richmond, 4-8-4 .... S. Salmon 5	1

3-1 Happy Jet, 7-2 Baker Brown, 9-2 Broughty Harbour, 5-1 Mr McMandy, 8-1 My Ribero, Sant Angelo, 12-1 Outpoint.

3.30 TANTON PLATE (2-y-o : £690 : 5f)

1	1	Crook of Devon (CD) (F. Gilman), M. W. Easterby, 8-11 E. Hide	5
8	111	Delayed Action (CD) (A. Jackson), G. Toft, 8-8 B. Connorton	1
9		Dunmurry Boy (J. Breslin), S. Wainwright, 8-8 .. J. Seagrave	4
12		Pot Hunter (J. Hardy), Hardy, 8-8 .... C. Moss	2
13	1	Woodsome (D) (S. Howarth), T. Fairhurst, 8-8 .. B. Raymond	3

4-7 Delayed Action, 4-1 Crook of Devon, 5-1 Woodsome, 20-1 Dunmurry Boy, Pot Hunter.

4.0 SPRING HANDICAP (3-y-o : £795 : 1½m)

2	21-22	Fiery Copper (A. Bray), R. Hollinshead, 9-1 .... T. Ives	3
3	013-21	Flirter (Mrs J. Bissill), P. Rohan, 8-12 .... J. Seagrave	2
4	0001-	Shaba (Sir P. Oppenheimer), H. Wragg, 8-13 B. Raymond	4
6	202-1	Hollow Laughter (R. Sangster), F. Carr, 8-10 ...... E. Eldin	1

2-1 Hollow Laughter, 5-2 Fiery Copper, Flirter, 4-1 Shaba.

4.30 SPRINGTIME PLATE (£414 : 1m)

2	0-	Pampered Sovereign (Mrs R. Hodges), D. Holmes, 4-9-7 T. Ives	3
5	0-	Chadforth (G. Dade), M. W. Easterby, 3-8-4 .... T. Walsh 7	6
8	34-0	Dark Alfred (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 3-8-4 .... B. Raymond	7
10		Obligatory (Duke of Sutherland), J. W. Watts, 3-8-4 J. Lowe	8
11	00-	Open Doors (J. Sanderson), F. Carr, 3-8-4 .... E. Eldin	5
13	004020-	Walk Around (Mrs J. Aspell), W. Haigh, 3-8-4 .... O. Gray 3	5
14		Belle of Morland (G. Chappelhow), W. Haigh, 3-8-1 K. Leason	1
18	0000-4	Gallant Bid (W. Elsey), Elsey, 3-8-1 .... E. Hide	4

13-8 Gallant Bid, 7-2 Dark Alfred, 6-1 Walk Around, 8-1 Obligatory, 10-1 Chadforth, Open Doors, 16-1 Belle of Morland, Pampered Sovereign.

Redcar selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.00 Witches Broom. 2.30 Singapore Fling. 3.0 Broughty Harbour. 3.30 Delayed Action. 4.0 HOLLOW LAUGHTER is specially recommended. 4.30 Dark Alfred.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
3.0 Outpoint. 4.30 Dark Alfred.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: 1,000 Guineas, Newmarket: Firework Party, Light Duty (at 9 am, April 21). Derby Stakes, Epsom: King's Hazard, Natisse, Thick and Thin, Babbling Brook and Piping Rock (at 1.30 pm, April 18); Grand Seigneur, Sto Lat, Malbay, Exogene, Sans Pitie, Lionsmead, Panpini, Aveyron, Cedros, Cigarette, Condino, Dingle, Gravelines, L'Appel, Maitland, Manhao, Nord, Nurabad, Palol, Pearl Reef, Rembang, Rouge Sang, Sasso, Schleswig, Souveraineté, Tansing, Czar Baby, Manifestation, Nes, Perlina, Tennessee River, Warsaw, Tendrone, Jutland, Mount Irvine, Red Lever, Red Sun, King's Honour, Eager Pace, Winscombe, Lord Con, Blue Vermillion, Tell Me Later (at 9 am, April 21); Sky Commander, Right Duke, Sumo Armour, Noble Texan, Hill Hawk, Stage Door and Sungod (at noon, April 21). Oaks Stakes, Epsom: Bold A'bie, Glamour Lass, Monta Rosa, Bella [illegible] (at 1.30 pm, April 18): Brighella, Battle Field, Lona, Good Start, Aguada, House of Flowers, Always Rushing, Banswara, Galite, Jarama, Lodevo, Manda, Nes, Perlina, Petite Terre, Tennessee River, Warsaw, Prizzi, Forsaken, Lantonside, Tudorna, Suva, Heyford, Stand In (at 9 am, April 21). Eclipse Stakes, Sandown Park: Babbling Brook, Flight Path, Hatsuhinode, Matisse, Right Hope, Exogene, Cheval du Roi, Malbay, Uppermost, Twenty-Two Carat, Monde Soyeux, Mister Jacket, Silver Saber, Gravelines, Maitland, Nurabad, Rouge Sang, Souveraineté, Manifestation, Morotai, Winscombe, Reikonalla, Vaux Gold Tankard. Redcar: Meadow Miss, Lousy Time, David Dixon Gold Cup, York: Lousy Time, Firelright, Nonac, Knight Templar, Spring Cup, York: Hovis, Yellow Pages Handicap, Ayr: Maestro Please. Derby Trial Stakes, Lingfield Park: Hatsuhinode, Prom, King's Hazard, Royal Heir, Matisse, Flight Path, Robbie Burns, Bisted Fiddle, Lionsmead, Pannini, Noble Game, Eager Pace, Winscombe, Dominion, Reikonalla, Arthur Lees. All engagements (dead): Uscartan, Mountain Echo.

Worcester programme

2.0 PITCHCROFT HURDLE (Div I : Novices : £404 : 2m)

2	000-404	Arnold (Mrs D. Oughton), Mrs D. Oughton, 6-11-7 .... C. Read
3	300	Bush Rose (Mrs M. Perks), J. Old, 6-11-7 .... C. Candy
5	0-0	Conciliator (Mrs M. Bayley), Mrs E. Kennard, 5-11-7 P. Richards 7
6	0r0f-f	County Clare (R. Cooper), M. Tate, 6-11-7 ...... B. J. Evans 5
8	000	Dear Lady (H. Smith), P. Cowley, 5-11-7 .... Mr A. J. Wilson
9	00-p0	Fettimist (Miss L. Knight), M. McCourt, 5-11-7 .... K. B. White
10	p-	First Ventura (A. Aylett), Aylett, 6-11-7 .... M. Wagner
17		Icebreaker (Mrs T. Sainsbury), T. Forster, 5-11-7 .... G. Thorner
18	0004	Jimmy Lighter (H. Garrood), R. Vibert, 6-11-7 .... P. Blacker
19	00	John Wilkes (T. Civil), W. Wharton, 5-11-7 .... J. Nolan
23	0p4400	Meteorite (M. Reid), Reid, 6-11-7 .... D. Cartwright
24	244	Mini Prince (M. Hennessy), F. Walwyn, 6-11-7 .... W. Smith
25		Peace Pact (B. Brooks), E. Champneys, 5-11-7 .. B. R. Davies
26	400442	Peggy W (M. Low), Low, 6-11-7 .... Mr G. Jones 5
27	0-03020	Peppercorn (M. Reavey), J. Bloom, 6-11-7 .... Mr M. Bloom
28	0	Rebel Band (C. Sievewright), T. Forster, 6-11-7 .... M. Salaman
34	0p-	Verona Bay (Miss N. Carroll), R. Armytage, 5-11-7 Lord Oaksey
35	0	Walleyes (H. Knot), J. Webber, 5-11-7 .... A. Webber
36	0-00f00	Warm Welcome (Mrs E. Gaze), Mrs E. Gaze, 5-11-7 .. R. Hyett
37	0pu00	Wayward Winifred (J. Carden), G. Owen, 6-11-7 Mr J. Carden 7

5-2 Mini Prince, 4-1 Peppercorn, 6-1 Icebreaker, Peace Pact, 7-1 Peggy W, 8-1 Arnold, 10-1 Jimmy Lighter, 14-1 Verona Bay, 16-1 others.

2.30 JOE CORAL HURDLE (Handicap : £1,331 : 2½m)

1	113120	Sonny Somers (D) (Dr P. Brown), F. Winter, 13-12-0 James Guest 7
3	122323	Top Priority (Maj D. Wigan), J. Gifford, 6-11-11 R. Champion
4	0-24040	Grangewood Girl (C) (J. Charlton), A. Pitt, 6-11-7 P. Collins 7
6	104400	Eric (T. Cornwell), V. Cross, 8-11-6 .... F. McKenna
7	410p33	Grando King (D) (E. Phillips), M. Tate, 6-11-5 .... A. Phillips 7
8	124002	Shifting Gold (C) (Mrs B. Russell), K. Bailey, 6-11-5 W. Smith
10	000p00	Past Master (D) (D. Dipple), D. Plant, 8-11-0 .... S. Coathup 5
21	033211	Space Project (R. Brown), Brown, 5-10-8 .... R. Hyett
23	130320	Water Colour (D) (J. Soles), P. Cowley, 6-10-5 .... R. Dickin 5
24	202240	Hazelestyn (Mrs A. Brown), J. Webber, 10-10-4 .... A. Webber
26	040-21	Court Shadow (D. Greig), Greig, 6-10-4 ...... D. Cartwright
28	0-0p	Trail Blazer (Mrs O. Barnard), T. Forster, 8-10-3 .. G. Thorner
29	001220	Don Sebastian (CD) (G. Keany), J. Gilbert, 6-10-2 .. C. Dexter 7
32	000344	The Gun (Mrs H. Cleary), E. Jones, 5-10-0 .. R. O'Donovan 7
34	123322	Near and Far (Mrs L. Martin), R. Wall, 6-10-0 .... J. Marshall 5
35	000p0p	Nelson Boy (A. Darlington), D. Barons, 5-10-0 ...... V. Soane
36	000002	Some Hazard (W. Whitbread), R. Armytage, 10-10-0 K. B. White
37	f-0002f	Sealing (Maj R. Dening), Dening, 6-10-0 .... R. Atkins
38	ff0004	Atmani (F. Chamberlain), J. Spearing, 7-10-0 .... J. Burke
39	003441	Young Steve (D) (K. Britten), H. Payne, 7-10-0 .... John Williams
40	p304	Ascensure (A. Cure), G. Cure, 9-10-0 ...... Mr R. Woolley 5
41	302400	Dairy Wood (C) (F. Bowness), P. Bailey, 6-10-0 .... M. Floyd 7

11-4 Top Priority, 9-2 Grando King, 5-1 Sonny Somers, 6-1 Shifting Gold, 8-1 Grangewood Girl, Space Project, 12-1 Court Shadow, 14-1 Water Colour, 16-1 others.

3.0 HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE (£2,038 : 3m)

1	f04-30	Charlie Potheen (D) (Mrs B. Heath), F. Walwyn, 10-12-0 W. Smith
3	301030	Moonlight Escapade (CD) (Mrs E. Wharton), C. Miller, 9-11-5 D. Cartwright
4	211u0f	Even Up (N. Whitcomb), Mrs D. Oughton, 8-11-4 .... C. Read
6	340127	Carroll Street (B. McGrath), G. Balding, 8-10-12 Mr R. Lindley 5
11	213f11	Cool-Na-Mara (D) (Mrs M. Seddon-Brown), S. Mellor, 6-10-6 J. Glover
15	f13113	Cass (K. Bishop), Bishop, 10-10-0 .... Mr K. Bishop 7
19	10-0003	Bramwell Boy (Mrs M. Easton), Mrs M. Easton, 8-10-0 C. Brown 7
21	u2f333	Pava's Boy (T. Bates), D. Ancil, 6-10-0 .... D. Sunderland
32	424414	Sixer (D) (G. Clay), Clay, 11-10-0 .... M. Salaman
24	0p-0120	Kingrullah (G. Bosley), Bosley, 9-10-0 ...... Mr K. Bosley 7

3-1 Carroll Street, 3-1 Moonlight Escapade, 4-1 Cool-Na-Mara, 11-2 Even Up, 8-1 Charlie Potheen, 10-1 Cass, 14-1 others.

3.30 HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE (£716 : 2½m)

1	112	Ptarmigan III (CD) (F. Gilman), Gilman, 9-12-7 Mr C. Saunders
3	1f-0f13	Cauldron (W. Shand Kydd), B. Thompson, 6-12-4 W. Shand Kydd
4	11-1f2	Copper Venture (D) (T. Dudley), J. Edwards, 8-12-4 .... —
5	321-up1	Fortina's Palace (D) (J. Williams), M. Scudamore, 12-12-4 Mr J. Williams 7
8	3-	Headsprite (E. Roberts), Roberts, 8-12-0 ...... Mr C. King 3
9	p020-20	Jimwyn (C) (M. Hobhouse), C. Miller, 9-12-0 .. Mr A. J. Wilson
10	200000-	Mad Man (J. Charlton), Charlton, 8-12-0 Mr R. Charlton 7
14		Well Poached (Miss C. Barnes), Miss C. Barnes, 10-12-0 Mr R. Wilding 7
15	0p-3fp	Wild Echo (D) (Mrs J. Greenhalgh), F. Rimell, 9-12-0 Lord Oaksey
17	0-2u	Ebony Bloom (G. Tarry), Tarry, 11-11-9 ...... Mr G. Tarry 7
18	02-pffp	Flickity Prince (G. Bosley), Bosley, 9-11-9 .... Mr K. Bosley 7
19		Gay Sovereign II (W. Taylor), Taylor, 8-11-9 .... Mr D. Weaver 7
24	pp00	Pandion (J. Rudge), Rudge, 8-11-9 .... Mr S. Bowen 7
29	000024-	Sunset Hour (Mrs P. Dickin), Mrs P. Dickin, 9-11-9
30	3-24b3u	Tarriman (B. Hicks), Hicks, 7-11-9 .... Mr M. Collins 7
31		Trippleton Honey (A. Lloyd), Lloyd, 7-11-9 ...... Mr A. Lloyd 7

7-4 Fortina's Palace, 4-1 Ptarmigan III, 5-1 Headsprite, Cauldron, 8-1 Wild Echo, Copper Venture, 12-1 Jimwyn, 14-1 others.

4.0 HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE (£680 : 2m)

1	131412	Doriesa (D) (A. McIndoe), A. Dickinson, 7-12-7 I. Moulton 7
4	13f3u1	Zeta's Son (D) (M. Buckley), P. Bailey, 6-11-7 .... J. King
5	102224	Vikrom (D) (Mrs J. Craig), F. Winter, 8-11-6 James Guest 7
6	311f1p	Brantridge Farmer (D) (Mrs L. Ritchie), F. Walwyn, 7-11-0 W. Smith
7	214330	Plas Iolyn (A. Perry), J. Thorne, 11-11-0 .... P. Blacker
8	03-4123	Black Andrew (D) (Lady C. Spencer-Churchill), F. Walwyn, 7-10-13 A. Branford
9	f1011-3	Saint Accord (D) (J. Hawkins), Mrs D. Oughton, 9-10-13 G. Thorner
17	f4-4021	Be Nice (D) (Mrs M. Wates), C. Wates, 9-10-7 .. J. McNaught
22	120c02	Dream Isle (D) (Miss E. Griffiths), J. Webber, 7-10-3 A. Webber
25	41140f	I'm Smart (D) (Lady Chesterton), S. Mellor, 8-10-0 J. Glover
26	41ffpp	Silver Night (CD) (Mrs D. Crouch), E. Jones, 7-10-0 D. Cartwright
29	11f1-fp	Water Laughing (D) (Miss D. Gulding), Miss D. Gulding, 10-10-0 K. B. White

4-1 Zeta's Son, 5-1 Doriesa, 13-2 Brantridge Farmer, 7-1 Vikrom, Dream Isle, 10-1 Black Andrew, 12-1 I'm Smart, Be Nice, 14-1 Saint Accord, 16-1 others.

4.30 PITCHCROFT HURDLE (Div II : Novices : £404 : 2m)

1	00300	Alan's Beauty (T. Brookshaw), S. Brookshaw, 5-11-7 Mr P. Barry 7
2	003404	Angel Aboard (J. Parkman), H. Payne, 5-11-7 James Guest 7
4	00-2p20	Be Sharp (F. Hill), Mrs D. Oughton, 6-11-7 .... C. Read
8	h0p	Braccialetto (F. Cundell), Cundell, 5-11-7 .... B. R. Davies
10	000040	Cromwell (Miss S. Thomas), J. Gifford, 6-11-7 .... G. Enright 5
13	040200	Equivocal (Mrs D. Ancil), D. Ancil, 5-11-7 ...... D. Sunderland
14	0030-f4	Fair View (K. Read), J. Bloom, 5-11-7 .... Mr M. Bloom
20	03	Great Crack (Mrs M. Close), T. Forster, 6-11-7 .... G. Thorner
21		Greendown (Lord Vestey), T. Forster, 5-11-7 ...... M. Salaman
27	0	*Le Petit Dauphin (Mrs Z. Clark), G. Bach, 5-11-7 .... —
28	0p	Lisnegar (P. Upton), Upton, 5-11-7 .... V. Soane
29		Lord Horatio (G. McBride), R. Balekany, 6-11-7 .. J. McNaught
30	000000	Lyns Legend (G. Price), Price, 6-11-7 .... Mr C. Price 7
31	u	My Chum (D. Greig), Greig, 5-11-7 .... C. Dexter 7
34	u00	Ogeno (J. Diment), O. O'Neill, 5-11-7 .... Mr James 7
35		Pink Flamingo (J. Tierney), Tierney, 6-11-7 .... P. Campbell 7
37	0000	Purple Emperor (R. Howard), G. Balding, 5-11-7 Mr M. Keegan 7
41	000p	Top Speed (Mrs D. Maclay), G. Balding, 5-11-7 .... R. C. Bailey
42	fp	Weather Flash (Mrs C. Nash), T. Forster, 6-11-7 .. P. Davies 7
44		Wykeham (R. Dillon), F. Rimell, 5-11-7 .... J. Burke

7-4 Be Sharp, 7-2 Wykeham, 5-1 Great Crack, 6-1 Cromwell, 8-1 Equivocal, 12-1 Angel Aboard, 14-1 Fair View, 16-1 others.
*Doubtful runner.

Perth programme

2.15 BLACK WATCH HURDLE (Handicap : £272 : 2m)

1	000224	Poly Boy (CD) (A. Le Blond), W. A. Stephenson, 8-12-7 R. Collit
3	323-p00	Trim Lawns (D) (J. Cummings), D. Williams, 11-11-9 C. Brownle
5	221000	Sebastopol (Mrs T. Orritt), C. Crossley, 11-11-2 .... R. Cr
7	0-0003	Peartree Boy (L. Jordon), Jordon, 7-11-1 .... T. S
10	03f021	Symkyn (D) (J. Winter), B. Wilkinson, 8-10-9 .... D. Atl
12	042400	Philhope (M. Oakshott), C. Bell, 4-10-8 .... J. McDouga
13	0-00160	Johns Jewel (D) (H. Hetherington), Hetherington, 7-10-7 Mr W. Hetheringto
14	0003	Dee and Me (Mrs E. Dunn), Denys Smith, 8-10-5 .. A. Dick
15	40320p	Racionzer (D) (A. Collins), Collins, 5-10-2 ...... B. Drabne
18	30000f	Bright Baby (A. Kemp), Kemp, 9-10-0 .... V. Perciva
20	000043	Anthony's Fancy (Mrs A. Page), W. Page, 8-10-0 .... P. E
21	0400p0	I Like It (CD) (B. Richmond), Richmond, 10-10-0 .. M. O'S
22	43-u000	Markus (D) (B. Richmond), Richmond, 13-10-0 .... P. Ja

9-4 Poly Boy, 7-2 Philhope, 5-1 Trim Lawns, 6-1 Dee and Me, Peartree B 8-1 Sebastopol, 10-1 Johns Jewel, 12-1 others.

2.45 STRATHEARN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £419 : 2½m)

1	121002	London Express (C) (W. McFarlane), C. Bell, 7-12-5 .. M. Ba
2	431121	Gulvain (D) (Sir D. Cameron), K. Oliver, 6-11-4 C. Tin
4	127302	Remigio (D) (Mrs G. Paterson), F. Winter, 7-10-13 J. Franc
7	042-100	Off the Cuff (CD) (W. Crawford), Crawford, 10-10-5 Mr R. La
9	3-04442	Scarba (CD) (Mrs D. Tennant), J. Barclay, 10-10-1 Mr H. Barcla
10	01f310	Dancing Ned (J. Britton), W. A. Stephenson, 7-10-0 .. T. St
12	02p044	Collingwood (C) (Mrs J. Tombs), M. Naughton, 9-10-0 A. Mear
15	3-0p000	Drumsill House (Mrs E. Brown), Denys Smith, 10-10-0 A. Dickn

7-4 London Express, 9-4 Gulvain, 5-1 Collingwood, 8-1 Remigio, 10-1 Scar Dancing Ned, 12-1 Drumsill House, 16-1 Off the Cuff.

3.15 ALMOND LODGE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £1,693 : 3n

1	1131p2	Tamalin (T. Metcalfe), G. Richards, 8-11-6 .... D. Gould
2	4fp020	Credibility (CD) (Mrs L. Dewhurst), F. Winter, 7-11-1 R. Pitm
3	210031	Tregarron (D) (H. Blyth), K. Oliver, 8-11-1 .... C. Tin
4	p212	Bountiful Charles (D) (J. Tindall), G. Cunard, 9-11-0 A. Mea
7	1201pp	Dunrobin (D) (R. Stevenson), W. Crawford, 8-10-8 Mr R. La
8	200202	Scout (D) (A. Allen), W. A. Stephenson, 9-10-4 .... T. St
10	1-p3200	Edenvale (D) (Mrs D. Coltman), K. Oliver, 8-10-0 .. M. Bar
12	p044	Sir Roger (D) (Mrs A. Russell), K. Oliver, 9-10-0 .. G. Hol
15	31-003	Mixed Double (Mrs J. Milligan), B. Wilkinson, 10-10-0 D. At
16	132200	Master Val (D) (Mrs M. Price), M. Naughton, 8-10-0 Mr N. Tinkl
19	21-2043	Northern Echo (D) (Lady Kilmany), Lord Kilmany, 6-10-0 P. E

5-4 Tamalin, 11-4 Tregarron, 5-1 Scout, 8-1 Credibility, 10-1 Sir Roger, 1 *Bountiful Charles, 16-1 others.*

3.45 PERTHSHIRE HURDLE (Handicap : £680 : 3m)

2	111201	Merry Crown (D) (T. Sterriker), F. Carr, 6-12-5 M. Blacks
3	144100	Raise You Again (D) (Mrs R. Hunter), W. A. Stephenson, 7- B. Coll
5	223200	Hooked Again (J. Fawcett), G. Richards, 6-12-0 .... D. Goul
6	f4ff4	Loon (CD) (Mrs L. Dewhurst), F. Winter, 6-11-7 .... R. Pi
7	210110	Cantastar (J. Manners), K. Oliver, 6-11-7 .... C. Tir
9	331200	Lothian Countess (D) (Mrs W. Crawford), W. Crawford, 7-1 Mr R. L
10	30-p0p0	Seldom Daunted (B. Mitchell), J. Edwards, 6-10-10 .. B. Br
11	0-00f00	March of Time (D) (P. Cook), Cook, 11-10-9 ...... P. J.
12	300-404	Shirallo (A. Mactaggart), Mactaggart, 6-10-9 Mr A. Macta
13	pp020f	Segray (Mrs M. Price), M. Naughton, 8-10-9 C. Hawkl
14	123402	Dutch Sam (Mrs N. Harris), C. Bell, 5-10-7 .... M. B
15	000301	Harbour Light (Mrs E. Tinning), C. Bell, 4-10-4 J. McDon
16	3f3023	Old Stephen (J. Walby), W. A. Stephenson, 6-10-2 .... T.
20	12300f	Roystar (C) (T. Bell), Bell, 5-10-0 .... P. Broc
21	0-0303	French Garcon (D. Moore), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 .. A. Dic
22	2p4300	Lochinvar (L. Jordon), Jordon, 6-10-0 .... P.

3-1 Merry Crown, 4-1 Loon, 9-2 Old Stephen, 6-1 Cantastar, 8-1 Hu Again, 10-1 Raise You Again, 12-1 French Garcon, 16-1 others.

4.15 STORMONT NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE (£340 : 2m)

2	p0-1201	What Next (Mrs I. Dewhurst), F. Winter, 8-12-3 .... J. Fran
3	334131	Caleb (D) (Mrs G. Fairbairn), G. Fairbairn, 8-11-12 P. Bro
5	212213	Kininvie (D) (Mrs A. Burrell), W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-7 T.
7	032030	Sir Garnet (J. McGhie), G. Richards, 6-11-7 ...... D. Go
9	03p000	Headship (Mrs M. Green), W. Crawford, 7-11-3 .... Mr R.
10	000000	Rough Diamond (J. Dodds), Dodds, 6-11-2 ...... D. Moo
11	0-00pf	Second Run (C. Alexander), Alexander, 7-11-2 ...... M. E
12	00f31	Son and Heir (D) (B. Perry), J. Edwards, 5-11-0 .. B. R
13	0000pf	Ankerwyke (Mrs A. Collins), A. Collins, 5-10-9 .... J. B
14	0f0-000	Aunt Bertha (Lady Kilmany), Lord Kilmany, 5-10-9 .. P.
17	440040	Octave (A. Kemp), Kemp, 5-10-9 .... V. Perci

2-1 What Next, 7-2 Caleb, 4-1 Sir Garnet, 6-1 Kininvie, 8-1 Son and 10-1 Octave, 12-1 others.

4.45 ATHOLL NOVICES' HURDLE (4-y-o : £272 : 2m)

1	400011	Romany Star (D) (F. Kent), A. Bacon, 12-4 .... G. S
3	1	Great Gulf (D) (P. Muldoon), G. Richards, 11-11 .. D. Go
4	001	Highway Robbery (B. Hobson), B. Richmond, 11-11 ....
5	0p3	Admiral Wolf (R. Roberts), M. W. Easterby, 11-4 Mr N. Tin
7	20	Bishops Pawn (J. Nelson), Nelson, 11-4 ...... Mr J. Ne
9	0	Cantatrice (J. Dodds), Dodds, 11-4 .... M.
10	000	Carebolla (M. Kane), C. Bell, 11-4 .... G.
12	040	Fighting King (Mrs E. Dunn), Denys Smith, 11-4 .... A. Du
14	00	Glasgow Express (M. Reay), C. Bell, 11-4 ...... J. McDo
16	000	Ickor (A. Barclay), Barclay, 11-4 .... P. Bro
17		The Jackal (A. Mactaggart), Mactaggart, 11-4 .. Mr A. Mac
18	200040	Jewel of Meath (A. Kemp), Kemp, 11-4 ...... Mr D. Mok
20	3	King Saul (J. Mitchell), F. Carr, 11-4 .... M. Blac
22	00000	Move Up (W. Murray), Murray, 11-4 .... P. M
23	0	Old Policy (Mrs A. Collins), A. Collins, 11-4 ...... J. T. I
24	043	The Parch (A. Kemp), Kemp, 11-4 .... V. Parc
25	3002	Relkotime (J. Simpson), W. A. Stephenson, 11-4 .. R. Co
27	324030	Stand-By (Mrs G. Weir), K. Oliver, 11-4 .... C.

7-2 Relkotime, 4-1 Romany Star, 5-1 Great Gulf, 6-1 King Saul, Sta 8-1 Highway Robbery, 10-1 The Parch, 12-1 others.

Perth selections

2.15 Poly Boy. 2.45 London Express. 3.15 Tregarron. 3.45 Loon. What Next. 4.45 Great Gulf.

Worcester selections

2.0 Mini Prince. 2.30 *Sonny Somers.* 3.0 *Carroll Street.* 3.30 *For* Palace. 4.0 Doriesa. 4.30 Great Crack.

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Epsom results

2.0 (2.4) CUDDINGTON STAKES (2-y-o: £640: 5f)

Gimri, ch c, by Quayside—Conita (R. Ades), 7-12 I. Jenkinson (20-1) 1
Kings Fire, b c, by King's Leap—Fire Bell (E. Hill), 7-12 A. Bond (10-1) 2
Sans Un Ami, ch c, by Be Friendly—Deux-Sans-Une (Mrs S. Powell), 8-13 .. B. Rouse (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 85-40 fav Murlska Prince, 7-2 Square Halo, 5-1 Hotazur, 10-1 *Epsom Imp* (4th), 12-1 *Roi Rig*, 16-1 Night Story, Wendover Lad, 20-1 First Service, Half Mine, 33-1 Regency Time, Doctors Dilemma, Phrad, Strip Fast. 16 ran.

TOTE: Win, £2.50; places, 65p, 67p, 93p. R. Smyth, at Epsom. 1½l, 3l. 1min 1.20sec.

2.33 (2.38) BUNBURY STAKES (2-y-o: £621: 5f)

Alanrod, gr c, by Gala Performance—Miss Fenton (D. Crawford), 9-0 .... L. Piggott (1-3) 1
Togoat, b c, by Crooner—Calm Sea (J. Redmond), 9-0 B. Taylor (16-1) 2
Jimmy Z, ch c, by Red God—Naranja (F. Gardiner), 9-0 B. Rouse (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 8-1 Fifty Sixty Street (4th), 10-1 Bargain Hunter, 14-1 Sanpaul, 33-1 Chesterking, Red Hill. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 12p; places, 11p, 22p, 25p; dual forecast, 64p. S. Ingham, at Epsom. 6l, 5l. 1min 01.83sec.

3.10 (3.11) GREAT METROPOLITAN HANDICAP (£1,673: 2¼m)

Flash Imp, bl h, by Bing II—Double Magnum (Mrs O. Negus-Fancey), 6-8-11 .. P. Cheese (4-1 jt fav) 1
Super Nova, b m, by Raise You Ten—Statuette (J. Mitchell), 6-7-2 .. S. Salmon (4-1 jt fav) 2
Night Echo, ch h, by Salvo—Luz Mala (R. Richmond-Watson), 5-9-7 .... G. Lewis (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 8-1 Cadogan Lane (4th), 11-1 Ocean King, 12-1 Miss Osprey, China Bank, 14-1 Tim Ding, 18-1 Quarrymaster, 33-1 Woodland Reward, Palko, Highview Jack, Regal Flight, Cortanica, Arboretum. 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, 37p; places, 18p, 18p, 35p. R. Smyth, at Epsom. 1½l, hd. 4min 23.34sec.

3.40 (3.45) BLUE RIBAND TRIAL STAKES (3-y-o: £4,760: 1m 110yd)

Romper, b c, by Ribero—Romping (Dr J. Hobby) 8-12 F. Morby (20-1) 1
Golden Swan, ch c, by Crepello—Secret Session (Col F. Hue-Williams) 8-12 G. Lewis (8-1) 2
Baldur, b c, by Breton—Night Off (L. Holliday) 8-12 B. Taylor (5-2 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Abdeek, Gurney Slade, 8-1 Touch of Gold (4th), 10-1 Lord Ronham, 33-1 Glorius Devon, Leonello. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, £2.58; places, 64p, 21p, 16p; dual forecast, £13.13. R. Johnson Houghton, at Didcot. 3l, 4l. 1min 55.26sec. Double Dart did not run.

4.15 (4.17) EPSOM HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,189: 1¼m)

Kirov, b c, by *On Your Mark—Pavlova* (P. Gallagher) 9-0 R. Marshall (7-1) 1
Stetchworth Lad, ch c, by Allangrange—Queen of Connemara *(Mrs P. Robinson) 7-10* P. Young (6-4 fav) 2
Flame Tree, gr c, by Roan Rocket—Fircone (J. Hambro) 9-5 G. Lewis (6-1) 3
Inkuband, b c, by *Wolver Hollow*—Great Joy (K. Bandtsch) 8-3 W. Carson (9-2) 3

ALSO RAN. 7-1 Dashing H 12-1 Mount Street, 14-1 Duck B Night Sky. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 91p; places, 20 Flame Tree 10p, Inkuband 8 *forecast*, £1.24. W. *Marshall*, a ingbridge. ½l, 3l. 2min 37.30se

4.45 (4.47) EVELYN HAN (?-y-o: £1,368: 7f)

Fastacre, b c, by Linacre—E (V. Advani) 9-7 F. Durr (1
Velvelia, b c, by Right Tar Nana's Girl (W. Greenbaum) L. Piggott (
Inze Baba, b f, by Huntercombe—Tudor Song (Mrs J. Cou 8-5 ...... W. Carson (2

ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Paul (4th), 8-1 Chelwood Lady, T 10-1 Noble Affair, 12-1 Sodo Contrary, 20-1 Bellver, The Kart, Precious Girl, London C ran.

TOTE: Win, *76p*; places, 24 31p. A. Breasley, at Epsom. 1min 31.06sec. Teflu did not

TOTE DOUBLE: Flash Imp, £22.60. TREBLE: Alanrod, Fastacre, £125.15. JACKPO won, no consolation paid. Today at Epsom guaranteed at £3,000 ball

eds must take the ll by the horns his own backyard

eoffrey Green
Correspondent
a, April 22

United arrived here this or the second leg of their Cup semi-final match the vaunted Barcelona night (7.45 BST) in the Campo Nuevo stadium, ne 800 British supporters wallowed up in a sea of passionate Spaniards. in these parts is a tradi- llfight to the power of of the ring and the will rend the night and ilans will demand a ted kill.

holding a fragile 2—1 e come with a party of s, some of them non- s because of injury. n the circumstances is ce of the unpredictable ted Duncan McKenzie. re important, though, the non-appearance of midfield general whose unfitness because of ribs—he will have a test iorning—could prove a andicap.

al. one can only guess eam formations at this Both camps remain as clams over their plans. have tucked themselves place called Vallvidrera, hills, some 10 miles he city, there to breathe air into their lungs and calmly for the future. e local newspapers are th each other and them- r the Barcelona lineup. general point of agree- that the outcome could pend on the influence of ryff, the Dutch master al heir to Pelé in the ne. It seems that he rilliantly last Sunday celona beat Betis 3—0 league game, dominat- ld as a magnet for the eating all the goals.

r is he the self-centred once was. He is now a and the harder to pin eskens, Cruyff's Dutch colleague, is sure to be in midfield, but already n given three different n the possible Spanish one of them by a porter who is a rabid wer.

choice of the front attacking line would seem to rest with Cruyff, the wanderer, and Rexach, an international right winger, and either Heredia or Clares, a dangerous outside left. Marcial, last year's top scorer, is in doubt because of injury. "Marcial", one of my informants said, "can play like a beautiful butterfly. But if he gets hurt he loses all the pollen from his wings and ceases to fly ". It is odds against him playing.

In an earlier round Leeds surprised Ujpest Dozsa by attacking the Hungarians from the start in Budapest. It paid off with a fine 2—1 victory in spite of their being reduced to 10 men for over an hour when McKenzie was sent off for retaliation. They could well try the same ploy here, since they believe that Barcelona are suspect at the back. Adventure often pays better than imitating a timid turtle hiding in its shell. One way or another, however, the sturdy Madeley will probably be the one designated to keep a sharp eye on the fluid activities of Cruyff.

This is the seventeenth appearance of a British club in the semi-final round of the European Cup. The list comprises: Manchester United (five), Celtic (four), Leeds United (two), Hibernian, Tottenham Hotspur, Liverpool, Rangers, Dundee and Derby County. So far, however, this penultimate fence has proved too steep for most of them. As yet only Celtic (twice) and Manchester United (once) have reached the final, each of them winning once. It is now up to Leeds, in probably their last chance for some time to come, to join an exclusive club.

The one thing worrying the locals is the possible behaviour of the British supporters. They still remember with some trepidation the invasion of the supporters travelling with Rangers to the Cup Winners' Cup Final here three years ago. Thousands of them went through the city like locusts, laying waste everything in their path. No one wants anything like that again. Yet British supporters abroad already have a black name, and not without reason.

BARCELONA: S. Sadurni; J. Rife, P. Gallego, F. Marinho, J. A. De La Cruz, M. Miguell, J. Neeskens, J. M. Asensi (or J. C. Heredia), C. Rexach, J. Cruyff, M. Clares.

LEEDS UNITED: D. Stewart; P. Reaney (or T. Cherry), F. Gray, W. Bremner, G. McQueen, N. Hunter, P. Madeley, T. Yorath, A. Clarke, J. Jordan, E. Gray (or P. Lorimer).

Board may discuss position of Bowles

Stan Bowles, Queen's Park Rangers' controversial former England striker, failed to report for training yesterday and the club is expected to call a special board meeting later this week to discuss the matter. "We have had no contact with Bowles since Saturday and only know he is supposed to have told people he is retiring", said Rangers' secretary, Mr Ron Phillips.

Earlier this season Bowles announced that he was leaving Rangers after being substituted in a game at West Ham. Later he had second thoughts and made his peace with manager Dave Sexton. On Saturday, following the game against Arsenal, he was reported to have said he was "getting out of the game" and this time he would not change his mind.

Two Derby County players, Daniel and Powell, have been ruled out of the club's last game of the season against Carlisle United at the Baseball ground on Saturday—the game Derby may need to draw to secure the league championship. Powell aggravated a thigh strain and Daniel had a recurrence of a stomach injury playing for Derby's reserve side against Liverpool on Saturday.

Arsenal take 14 players to Newcastle today, Rostron, Mathews and Brady being added to the side that drew at Queen's Park Rangers. Radford, having missed five games with influenza and Cropley, who has not played in the first team since breaking a leg in January, both came through yesterday's reserve game against Bristol City. "They just lack match fitness", said manager Bertie Mee.

Results yesterday

Uefa Cup semi-final, second leg

Borussia Mönchen Gladbach (0) 1 Donner — FC Cologne (0) 0

Borussia won 4-1 on aggregate.

Second division

Fulham (0) 0 11,300 — Oxford U (0) 0

Southampton (1) 2 O'Brien, Channon — Cardiff C (0) 0 14,275

Third division

Colchester (1) 2 Lindsay, Svarc — Blackburn (0) 0 4,187

Grimsby (0) 1 Boylen 4,050 — Plymouth (0) 1 Mariner

Halifax (1) 1 Gwyther — Walsall (0) 0 2,030

Huddersfield (1) 2 Gowling (2) 3,455 — Aldershot (2) 2 Corsbie, Walker (pen)

Preston (1) 2 Burns, Bird 5,819 — Watford (0) 2 Bond, Scullion

Swindon (3) 3 Prophett, Moss (pen), Anderson — Port Vale (0) 2 Harris, Williams 7,423

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Plymouth A	45	24	11	10	79	57	59
Blackburn R	44	21	15	8	64	44	57
Charlton Ath	45	21	10	14	71	56	52
Swindon Town	45	20	11	14	62	57	51
Crystal Palace	43	17	15	11	63	52	49
Port Vale	44	17	15	12	59	50	49
Peterborough	43	18	13	12	44	47	49
Preston NE	44	18	11	15	61	55	47
Walsall	44	16	15	13	61	50	47
Wrexham	44	15	14	15	64	55	44
Gillingham	43	15	14	14	63	56	44
Colchester Utd	44	16	12	16	66	60	44
Hereford	44	16	12	16	60	62	44
Grimsby Town	45	15	13	17	65	62	43
Bury	44	15	12	17	49	46	42
Chesterfield	45	15	12	18	60	66	42
Halifax Town Southend Utd	45	13	16	16	47	61	42
Brighton	45	15	10	18	54	62	40
Aldershot	45	14	11	20	52	61	38
Watford	44	10	17	17	48	68	37
Bournemouth	43	11	12	20	38	54	34
Tranmere R	43	12	8	23	51	56	32
Huddersfield	45	11	9	25	47	76	31

Fourth division

Barnsley (0) 1 Riley — Swansea (0) 0 2,839

Doncaster (0) 3 Curran, Chappell, Kitchen — Exeter (2) 3 Hodge, Beer, Robertson 4,251

Shrewsbury (0) 0 9,641 — Stockport (0) 0

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Margate 1, Chelmsford 2; Wimbledon 3, Guildford and Dorking 1. First division: North: Bromsgrove 3, Milton Keynes 2; Gloucester 0, Tamworth 1; Redditch 1, Bedford 1; Wellingborough 3, Stevenage 1. South: Andover 2, Ashford 0; Bexley 2, Canterbury 2; Metropolitan Police 1, Bognor Regis 2; Minehead 5, Crawley 0; Waterlooville 2, Ramsgate 2.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Dulwich Hamlet 2, Leytonstone 0; Hayes 1, Bromley 0; Hitchin 3, Enfield 2; Leatherhead 3, Clapton 0; Slough 0, Woking 1; Sutton 3, Kingstonian 2; Tooting and Mitcham 2, Hendon 0; Walton and Hersham 0, Wycombe Wanderers 4.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: Frith and Belvedere 2, Edmonton/Haringey 2; Leyton 0, Wembley 1; Rainham 0, Ware 1; Ruislip Manor 0, Letchworth 1. League Cup: Semi-final round: Lewes 1, Redhill 5 (after extra time); Molesey 0, Cheshunt 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Oldham 5, England 27.

Double injury gives Mitchell a scare

By Norman Fox

Fulham 0 Oxford United 0

Fulham's fair-weather flock are returning like lapsed parishioners, all with vivid personal memories of the great days of Haynes, and all, of course, undeniably entitled to FA Cup final tickets. Everyone in London from a line west of Bethnal Green seems to have been a life-long supporter of "homely little Fulham" and over 11,000—1,000 more than the average—were at Craven Cottage last night to give the team a rousing send off after a match that was far from rousing and brought a fright for John Mitchell, who has scored six goals in Fulham's past five games, but injured his back and ankle and could be in danger of missing the final.

Although Mitchell received his ankle injury during the first half, he could not be replaced later in the game when he was fouled and hurt his back because Fulham had already sent on Dowie to replace Conway who was suffering from a groin strain even before the match began.

Those devotees of Fulham's past could not have been all that impressed with Fulham's present. The attraction of a mid-table match of no great significance to either side was enticing only because it was Fulham's last home game before Wembley. The object for Fulham was to carry out the formality with the least possible risk without quite playing reservedly enough to descend from a peak of mental readiness. They were not entirely successful on either count.

They were already without their excellent defender, Strong, who is hoping to be fit for the final with West Ham United, and soon had Mitchell, recently the most important member of their attack, hobbling with an annoying but not dangerous ankle injury. In fact, the Oxford team had far worse problems with three players missing through influenza. The combination of circumstances in both camps brought about what was to be expected, an unemotional, unexciting and casual affair, notable only for Fulham's ominous failure to make anything of chances so frequently offered by Barrett and Mullery.

The danger to Fulham's prospects of giving a good account of themselves at Wembley seems to be their reliance on the bruised Mitchell to score goals rather than Busby who has lost his finishing powers at exactly the wrong moment. Oxford's defence was not grossly inefficient by comparison with the guard Fulham can expect from West Ham, yet it survived basically because Fulham played their best football far out in the safety of midfield.

Unfortunately, the outcome was predictable, even from the first half an hour. The draw was enough for either side. Had Conway scored in the first half from Barrett's corner, as he should, there was not much doubt Oxford would have pressed and gained an equalizer. As it was, they accommodated Fulham's superior skills reasonably well, had a header from Clarke bounce off the goal line, and got the name of their assistant manager into the referee's notebook for saying something unpleasant. It was surprising that anyone could get so emotional on such a lazy, summery night.

After the match, Bill Taylor, the Fulham coach, said that Mitchell's injuries were not too serious, and Ronald Woolnough, a physiotherapist, added that there was no damage to the player's kidneys, only bruising of the back.

FULHAM: P. Mellor; J. Cutbush, J. Fraser, A. Mullery, J. Lacy, R. Moore, J. Mitchell, I. Conway (sub, J. Dowie), V. Busby, B. Lloyd, L. Barrett.

OXFORD UNITED: J. Milkins; J. Light, J. Shuker, N. Lowe, C. Clarke, W. Jeffrey, S. Aylott, L. Taylor, D. Clarke, K. Gough, B. Heron.

Referee: C. Thomas (Treorchy).

Wellington, April 22.—Fulham were criticized here today for calling off their New Zealand tour. Arnold Kelly, the chairman of the New Zealand Football Association, said that he was upset because the NZFA had gone out of their way to accommodate Fulham.

Cricket

Gilliat leads MCC side full of tourists

By John Woodcock: Cricket Correspondent

After three good drying days there should, after all, be a pitch fit for cricket at Lord's this morning, where MCC are due to meet last season's county champions, Worcestershire. It may be a pudding they play on, but better that than three days standing by idly.

Of the MCC team, chosen according to custom by the England selectors, all except Gilliat and Knight spent a part of the winter playing cricket abroad. Hendrick, Taylor and Willis were with MCC in Australia; Edmonds, Johnson, Hayes, and Radley went either to the West Indies or South Africa with Derrick Robins; and Lumb and Willey took coaching jobs in South Africa.

By giving so many players a chance to broaden their experience and learn the game overseas, Mr Robins does a great service to English cricket. Many of them, though, could not have cared for it much when Leslie Ames, who managed them in the West Indies, told them that as they were playing it was hard to see a good Test prospect among them. Of the Englishmen who were in the West Indies with the Robins side (they included Johnson, Edmonds, Bairstow, Dudleston, Pocock, M. J. Smith and Stuart Turner of Essex) he was impressed only with R. W. Tolchard, not as a wicket keeper but for his batting.

Johnson and Edmonds have the chance to make a more favourable impression upon Alec Bedser and his new team of selectors. Although a recent captain said the other day that a number of batsmen untried in Test cricket should have been sent to Australia—Jest, Randall, David Turner, of Hampshire, and Ealham were among those he mentioned—a much better place for them to be, as events turned out, was with the Robins XI, rather than having their confidence and keenness destroyed by Thomson and Lillee.

There is, I think, no special significance in the choice of Gilliat to lead MCC today. Over the years, if an MCC side has been on tour during the previous winter, its captain has usually been accorded the job in this corresponding match. After the 1970-71 tour to Australia, Illingworth did it: after MCC's next tour, to India and Pakistan, it went to Lewis; after the West Indies, a year ago, it was given to Denness. But the selectors know all they need to know about Denness by now.

By choosing Gilliat they are doing no more than recognizing his two successful seasons with Hampshire, and showing that as a batsman, too, they rate him as being good enough for a representative young side. Had they gone for Greig, they might have felt they were committing themselves earlier than they wanted. There is going to be much talk this season about the England captaincy, out of which, one may be sure, no one will emerge with more dignity than Denness himself.

Worcestershire include Ravinder Senghera, an off-spinner from Delhi, in the 12 players named for today's match. Senghera, who is now qualified for county matches, came to this country 11 years ago. He joined Worcestershire two years ago from Smethwick, a Birmingham League club. In the absence of Headley, who has now joined Derbyshire, Wilkinson moves up from the second eleven to open the innings with Glenn Turner.

MCC: R. M. C. Gilliat (Hampshire, captain), G. W. Johnson (Kent), R. G. Lumb (Yorkshire), C. T. Radley (Middlesex), F. C. Hayes (Lancashire), P. Willey (Northamptonshire), R. D. V. Knight (Gloucestershire), R. W. Taylor (Derbyshire), P. H. Edmonds (Middlesex), R. G. D. Willis (Warwickshire), M. Hendrick (Derbyshire).

WORCESTERSHIRE (from): G. M. Turner, K. W. Wilkinson, J. A. Ormrod, J. M. Parker, B. L. d'Oliveira, T. J. Yardley, H. G. Wilcock, N. Gifford (captain), J. K. Inchmore, V. A. Holder, B. M. Brain, R. Senghera.

Richard Gilliat, captain of MCC team at Lord's today.

Today's cricket

LORD'S: MCC v Worcestershire (11 to 6.30).
CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge University v Surrey (11.30 to 6.30).

ern banish bad omen

Munich, the West Ger- European champions, to enter their second European Cup final to- they face the French St Etienne, in the home semi-final tie. Bayern, eason became the first an club to win the cup, ienne to a goalless draw two weeks ago and seem pitalize on their home- vantage.

ed by Beckenbauer, who West Germany to vic- st year's World Cup likely to face a similar line-up, though Herbin, club's trainer, may thenay in midfield Synaeghel.

nce of at least one of o Scandinavian players pose them a problem. kesman said that the back, Hansen, who has ill miss the match. He Andersson, of Sweden, ubtful starter " as he lly recovered from a r-thigh tendon.

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The St Etienne manager, Pierre Garonnaire, who arrived with his team on Monday night, said: "Our team has worked itself into brilliant shape. I think the chances stand 50-50."

The St Etienne president, Roger Rocher, said: "We are not under pressure because we still stand good chances in the national championships as well as in the cup. But Bayern must win after the 0-0 in the first leg."

St Etienne and Bayern set up their camps at Lake Tegern, surrounded by an alpine landscape. Neither Mr Garonnaire nor Dettmar Cramer, of Bayern, was willing to drop any hints as to the composition of his team for the match. They may line up like this:

BAYERN MUNICH: Maier; Duernberger, Andersson (or Weiss), Schwarzenbeck, Beckenbauer, Roth, Torstensson, Zobel, Müller, Hoeness, Kapellmann.

ST ETIENNE: Curkovic; Merchadier (or Repellini), Piazza, Lopez, Farison, Bathenay, H. Revelli, Synaeghel (or Santini), Triantafilos, Larqué, P. Revelli.

Dinamo Kiev, of the Soviet Union, will take a comfortable 3-0 advantage to the Netherlands for their return with PSV Eindhoven in the semi-final round of the European Cup-Winners' Cup.

The other semi-final tie is more evenly balanced, with Ferencvaros, of Hungary, travelling to Belgrade with a slender 2-1 advantage over Red Star. In the Uefa Cup, Twente Enschede, of the Netherlands, play Juventus in Turin. The Italians need to go all out for goals if they are to wipe out their 3-1 first-leg deficit.—Agencies.

Cardiff City's last hopes of survival crushed

Cardiff City were almost certain of being relegated from the second division, after their 2—0 defeat at Southampton last night. Cardiff can do not more than equal the 34 points of Oldham and Bristol Rovers if they beat Bolton on Saturday, provided the other two clubs lose. Cardiff's goal average, in any case, is much worse.

They suffered a further blow last night when Sayer broke an ankle in the sixteenth minute. Goals by O'Brien and Channon gave Southampton victory.

Swindon Town lifted themselves back into the third division championship race by beating Port Vale 3—2. Swindon's goals came in a five-minute spell in the first half.

Plymouth Argyle increased their lead at the top of the division by one point, drawing at Grimsby as Blackburn Rovers lost at Colchester. Mariner put Plymouth ahead but Boylen equalized eight minutes from time. Lindsay and Svarc ruined the hopes of Blackburn, who went down 2—0 at Layer Road.

Watford and Aldershot, both in danger of relegation, picked up a point each. Aldershot, who have played a game more than Watford, were foiled by a last-minute equalizer from Gowling in the 2—2 draw at Huddersfield. Watford also drew 2—2, at Preston, Scullion heading in their 84th minute leveller.

Stockport County pulled themselves out of the bottom four in the fourth division by drawing 0—0 against the already promoted Shrewsbury Town. Swansea City, beaten 1—0 at Barnsley, dropped into the reelection zone. Barnsley's his first appearance.

Today's football fixtures

European Cup, semi-final round, second leg
Barcelona v Leeds (7.45)
Bayern Munich v St Etienne (8.0)

Cup Winners' Cup, semi-final round second leg
PSV Eindhoven v Dinamo Kiev (8.0)
Red Star, Belgrade v Ferencvaros

Uefa Cup, semi-final round, second leg
Juventus v Twente Enschede

First division
Chelsea v Sheffield United (7.15)
Manchester City v Ipswich (7.30)
Newcastle v Arsenal (7.30)

Second division
Sheffield Wed v Aston Villa (7.30)

Third division
Brighton v Peterborough (7.30)
Gillingham v Bournemouth (7.30)
Hereford v Charlton (7.30)

Fourth Division
Bradford City v Northampton (7.30)
Lincoln v Crewe (7.30)
Reading v Rotherham (7.30)
Torquay v Rochdale (7.30)
Workington v Cambridge (7.15)

Scottish first division
Aberdeen v Motherwell (7.30)
Dundee v Hearts (7.30)

Second division
Falkirk v Hamilton (7.30)
Raith v Forfar (7.30)

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton v Yeovil (7.30); Weymouth v Kettering (7.30). First division north: King's Lynn v Gloucester (7.30); South: Folkestone and Shepway v Poole (7.30).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Gateshead v Morecambe (7.30); Worksop v Buxton (7.30).

RUGBY UNION: Abertillery v Penarth; Birkenhead Park v New Brighton (7.30); Lydney v Clifton (7.0); Northampton v Metropolitan Police (7.30); Orrell v Waterloo (7.30); Sale v Broughton Park (7.30); Henley v Oxfordshire President's XV (6.15); Esher seven-a-side tournament (6.30).

Rugby Union

Powell will replace injured Wright

Wright and Phillips, the Northampton captain aand vice-captain, respectively are both injured and Powell, a former British Lion, will lead the side against Metropolitan Police at Northampton today.

George plays at stand-off half switches to the back row in Phillips's place. Allen replaces Sweet at centre.

The Moseley Hooker, Protherough and White, their No 8 will be playing their last games before retirement at Cheltenham on Saturday. Protherough who helped Gloucestershire through their successful county championship campaign will be playing against the club with whom he started his career in 1959.

There is one change from the side that scored 51 points against Northampton. Horton is not available, so Nutt, usually a No 6, comes into the second row.

Hartlepool Rovers have refused to play their Knockout preliminary round game at Cockermouth on Saturday, because they wish to honour their club fixture with Gosforth. The Rugby Union have refused permission for the Cockermouth game to be played on May 3, which would have been acceptable to both clubs, holders of the Durham and Cumberland cups this season.

Rugby League

Sydney clubs do not want to play England

Sydney, April 22.—Officials of the six top clubs in the Sydney Rugby League competition today indicated that they did not want to play against England this summer. England are due to play three matches against Sydney club sides on June 15 and July 1 and 6. to risk players getting against the visiting team and being ruled out of lucrative domestic competitions. "With so much at stake no top clubs want an extra game thrown in ", Charles Gibson, secretary of South Sydney, said.

The Australian Rugby League will discuss the attitude of the clubs at their annual meeting.

Americans are back

Tokyo, April 22.—Americans will take part in the all-Japan swimming championships in Osaka from August 27 to 29 for the first time in 13 years.—Agence France-Presse.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 12, Boston Red Sox 1; Minnesota Twins 8, California Angels 6; Oakland Athletics 11, Texas Rangers 6.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Los Angeles Dodgers 2, Atlanta Braves 1; San Diego Padres 4, Houston Astros 0; San Francisco Giants 4, Cincinnati Reds 7.

Show jumping

Britain to face top West German team

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

The neck-and-neck struggle for show jumping supremacy between Britain and West Germany, which has characterized every European competition for so many years, promises to continue in 1975 year in Geneva last week the British team narrowly lost the nation's cup to West Germany. The margin was a bare quarter point, a time fault incurred by Britain's number four, David Broome, with Jaegermeister. The scene changes to Rome next week, when West Germany, departing from custom, are sending a top team.

The British team for the Piazza di Siena, from April 30 to May 4, will be Peter Robeson (without whom no team for Rome will be complete), riding Grebe and Woodlark; Malcolm Pyrah, with April Love and African Rose; Graham Fletcher, with Clare Glen and Brawich Park; Kenneth Pritchard, with Torchlight and Longshoot, and Timothy Grubb, with Arksey and Law Court. Ted Edgar has asked to be replaced, and the sixth member of the team is Lionel Dunning who went well in Rome last year. He will take Fanny Hill and Aran Blaze.

Francis and John Conteh in happier days.

nteh to present case for his defence

f Britain's most success- ng partnerships is threat- end as George Francis n Conteh state their e cases to an emergency of the stewards of the Boxing Board of Control, n today.

more than six months nteh became a national winning the world light- ight championship, he and ager will be involved in romises to be a bitter Conteh has been called the stewards to explain has not complied with cis's instructions to start for a non-title bout Alonzo Lopez, at Wem- May 20.

s informed the promoter, evene, and the Board of of Conteh's absence. Today's meeting is the result. Officially, Conteh is "appearing to fail to honour his contract in not preparing to the satisfaction of his manager", but there is probably more to it than Conteh thinking he knows best about the preparation he requires for a bout still nearly a month away.

It seems that a warm and professionally productive relationship is at risk for reasons outside Conteh's reluctance to come to the gymnasium. Francis does not have the overall control that most managers enjoy since Conteh's brother, Tony, became his business manager before he won the world title.

In boxing matters, however, Francis expects to be obeyed or at least agreed with. It seems that here differences have occurred. There have been rumours of a lucrative offer to box in Nigeria which has caused disagreement, but apart from the obvious fact that things are not what they were between manager and boxer, nothing is certain.

The simplest solution would be for the board to advise Conteh to begin training at once and for Conteh to comply, but problems in boxing are rarely settled so simply, especially, as in this case, when lawyers are involved. Conteh will have to go through with the Wembley date or possibly face consequences that could even lead to suspension, not only in Britain but in Europe and other World Boxing Council territory.

As well as Conteh and his manager, Mr Levene will also be at the hearing today. He is making no comment on the situation at present, but has a contract and intends to see it honoured.

Tennis

Mottram and Taylor form new doubles partnership

Christopher Mottram and Roger Taylor, who have been chosen for Britain's Davis Cup team to play Austria in Vienna next month, gave further indication yesterday that they are ready to desert the now uncertain American team tennis scene in order to concentrate on European grand prix tournaments.

Taylor, who is 33, and Mottram, who will be 20 on Friday, confirmed their entries for the British hard court championships at Bournemouth, starting on May 11, and, in addition to challenging for the title and the £3,000 first prize in the men's singles, will team up as a new doubles partnership.

Taylor and Mottram missed the Bournemouth event last year because of commitments with their respective teams in the American inter-city league, but as the resumption of team tennis in the United States at the end of this month is now uncertain both the British players feel free to concentrate on playing in Britain.

Their entry at Bournemouth adds to an already strong men's event, with Ilie Nastase defending the title. Other close challengers already in the field are Guillermo Vilas, the Argentine champion, who won last year's grand prix and the Commercial Union masters' tournament, and the Italian Davis Cup pair, Adrianno Panatta and Paulo Bertolucci, who was runner-up to Nastase a year ago. Other entries confirmed yesterday were those of two Australians, Colin Dibley and Dick Crealy.

The women's singles is likely to feature another leading Australian, Dianne Fromholtz, as one of the main rivals for the title, which is held by Virginia Wade.

Seeded players find the going tough

Annette Coe, the number eight seed, was beaten in the tennis tournament, sponsored by Robinson's Barley Water, at Norwich yesterday by Lindsey Blatchford her predecessor as the British Under-21 champion. This was their third meeting in six days and it developed into a tussle that lasted almost two hours, before Miss Blatchford won 6—4, 4—6, 6—1.

An unexpectedly warm sun had left Miss Coe looking distressed as they came up for the final set. She had faced some clever lobbing into the sun from Miss Blatchford and this left her with a headache. At the end of the third game she sent for some tablets and won only five more points. "I have learnt a lesson I shall not forget", said Miss Coe. "I won't take tablets in the middle of another match."

Miss Coe was not the only seed in trouble. Cynthia Doerner, of Australia, the number six seed, was beaten 6—4, 7—6 by Yvonne Vermaak, a young South African.

WOMEN: Miss L. Blatchford beat Miss A. Coe, 6—4, 4—6, 6—1; Miss Y. Vermaak (SA) beat Miss C. Doerner (Australia), 6—4, 7—6; Miss L. Charles beat Miss P. Elliott (NZ), 6—1, 6—2.

MEN: G. Silberman (SA) beat F. van de Merwe (SA), 6—0, 6—2; H. Lewis beat D. Tighe (Australia), 6—0, 6—2; M. Cole beat D. Lingham, 6—2, 6—1.

Mrs King 'has no ground for criticism'

Austin, Texas, April 21.—Billie Jean King has no ground for criticizing a linesman's call that she says robbed her of the £20,000 first prize in a tennis tournament here last weekend, the umpire, Jason Morton, said today. "Billie Jean King was not cheated out of the match, she was beaten."

Mrs King was angry after the match, which Christine Evert won 4—6, 6—3, 7—6. She said the call, by a young linesman, Larry Eichenbaum, of Austin, cost her the title and the prize. Mrs King was leading 6—5 in the third and final set and seemingly had her game in control when, thinking the linesman had called a shot from Miss Evert "out", returned the shot with a casual lob that went far out of bounds. The umpire awarded the point to Miss Evert.

"Decisions from the chair are made from what the linesman has said, not what signals he has made," Mr Morton said.

MADRID: Men's singles: Second round: W. N'Godrella (France) beat H. Pohl (West Germany), 7—5, 4—6, 6—4; M. Orantes beat T. Vasquez (Argentina), 6—1, 6—2; I. Nastase (Romania) beat J. Andrew (Venezuela), 6—2, 6—4.

HOUSTON: H. Solomon (US) beat G. Battrick (GB), 1—6, 6—1, 6—2; M. Cox (GB) beat M. Holecek (Czechoslovakia), 3—6, 6—3, 6—3.

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For this week sees the start of celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of the street named for the Regent, that great sweep of elegance from Piccadilly Circus to beyond Oxford Circus originally built by John Nash, the prince of architects.

It was in 1812 that Nash, already famous as an architect despite a shaky beginning (he was declared bankrupt at 30) turned his attention to what was to become Regent Street. He was soon to become involved in that oriental palace of pleasure for the Regent, the Royal Pavilion, at the newly fashionable watering place of Brighton, and received full royal approval for his grand metropolitan plan, part of which was to drive a broad avenue as straight as possible between Carlton House and the newly created Regent's Park. It was to be the wonder of London.

Sadly there is not a lot left of Nash's creation, but the Quadrant, his main colonnaded display piece, is a wonder—and I can't imagine him being too upset by the saucy magazines sold beneath its columns today. No matter, the street is still more elegant than most cities can boast, attracting people the world over to its broad pavements and handsome shops. And that, I suppose, is what it's all about.

Nash himself, a short, snub-nosed man, and the hero of this occasion, was not without blemish. He came in for a torrent of criticism from jealous fellow architects, for his business methods in building Regent Street, methods that would raise more than a few eyebrows today at the RIBA. The Quadrant, for example, was built by tradesmen who he insisted each took a house there paying him for the building (on money he had already lent them) plus a commission. His critics said the deal made him richer than he was already, and they may well have been right. (And there was that other time when he was said to have used bricks from his own brickyard in Norwood during the renovation of Buckingham Palace, of all places.)

But guilty or not, these goings-on pale to insignificance beside the outrageous financial antics of the Regent's six unspeakable brothers which brought the wrath of the country down on their heads.

Shopkeepers, however, are a loyal lot. It is they, with their Regent Street Association, who have organized the celebrations. And celebrations they certainly will be, with festoons of flags, banners, the famous street lights (we haven't seen those for a while) store displays, a colourful procession, and finally, and with exactly the right Regency flavour, a costume ball at the Café Royal, a name that conjures up pleasures of another age.

The procession that marks the formal opening of the anniversary celebrations is on Wednesday, beginning at the St George's Hotel in Langham Place where a vine leaf will be placed on the bust of John Nash in All Souls' Church. The procession will be a splendid affair, with royal guests Princess Anne and her husband Captain Mark Phillips, and the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Alderman Gordon Hamish Pirie, leading his guests in carriages (a pity they couldn't be broughams or the oddly named britzkas so fashionable in the Regent's time) followed by a pipe band and England's champion town crier. The bucks and dandies of the day would have liked that, but more so the ball, that particular pump room pleasure where there was much gaiety, brought on no doubt by the amount of punch put down, and much ogling of the ladies in their Empire lines.

Most of the more famous Regent Street stores have eye-stopping window displays as a matter of course. During the next few weeks these displays will reflect different aspects of the street's history, and that alone would make a family visit worth while. It is not difficult to imagine George "Beau" Brummell, the most fastidious dandy in London, casting covetous eyes at the fashions of Austin Reed and Aquascutum (it's not true, by the way, that he washed his boots in champagne, but he could get a little more than sarcastic about the line of other people's cravats); or a masher watering at the mouth outside Garrard's treasure house; or a Georgian lady of fashion gazing in wonder at the styles in Liberty's.

There will, of course, be a competition for the best dressed window, and with a flight for two to East Africa as the main prize, those people who walk about inside shop windows with mufflers on their feet working miracles with dummies and cottons and nails, will have their talents stretched to the full.

All in all it will be a true London occasion with celebrations lasting into the summer that will give pleasure to thousands. Regent Street is a splendid heritage, a constant reminder of an age of elegance unlikely ever to be repeated.

Derek Darby

With a half-mile sweep of swank

There is not [illegible] for such a coherent period piece as Regent Street. The *Oxford Circus ½ mile* sign at the Piccadilly end is not an appropriate finger pointing signpost,—it is more of a motorway job, bold and brightly lit.

As a prime set in selling and prestige terms, Regent Street has attracted a full weight of airline offices, banks and multiple stores. And although it is no longer the swanky sweep it was in Brumel's day, it still has shops, or perhaps it should be emporia, which are the best of their kind anywhere.

For Liberty & Co, 1975 is an especially festive year because the store is celebrating its own centenary as well as Regent Street's 150th anniversary. Liberty fabrics are [illegible] of the firm's distinctive dress prints there is the added attraction of many traditional favourites revived and recoloured. The Tana Lawns, Country Cottons, Varuna Wools, and Chinon Silks are as beautiful as ever, and as the fashion floor demonstrates, especially pretty made up in current styles.

A new Liberty venture is the wallpaper department opened last month. Admirers of Susan Collier's versatile talent will be delighted by her subtle designs for the exclusive wallpaper range, and the selection of matching and coordinating furnishing fabrics. There are more Liberty revivals in the furnishing and furniture departments, and the [illegible] ingly colourful as always.

Fashion classics are a Regent Street speciality. Jaeger's six floors of town and country clothes include the Camel Shop's range of coats, suits, separates and knitwear in camel hair, cashmere and lambswool. There is Aquascutunm for well-cut rainwear. Lillywhites at Piccadilly Circus for the well dressed sportsman and spectator, and Airey & Wheeler for those in need of tailoring for the tropics.

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Antiques, rare clocks, fine old silver as well as old and modern jewelry are splendidly displayed in the spacious rooms behind Garrard's impressive frontage.

Mappin and Webb, famous for silver plate, is the second oldest of the street's royal jewellers. Mappins hold five British Royal Warrants and four others from world royalty. Carrington & Co, the street's third royal jeweller, won its fame as a maker of crowns and tiaras.

Not all of Regent Street's attractions are imposing. Hamleys is a treasure cave of another kind. Floor after floor of toys, games, trains, dolls, puzzles and paints are piled up and back behind Hamleys modest window space. Here toy soldiers vie with string puppets, clockwork mice and visiting sports and entertainment personalities for the attention of children of all ages.

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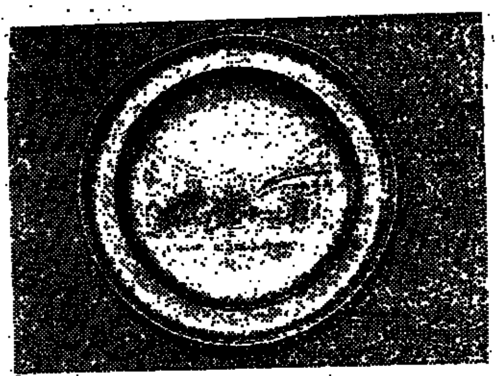

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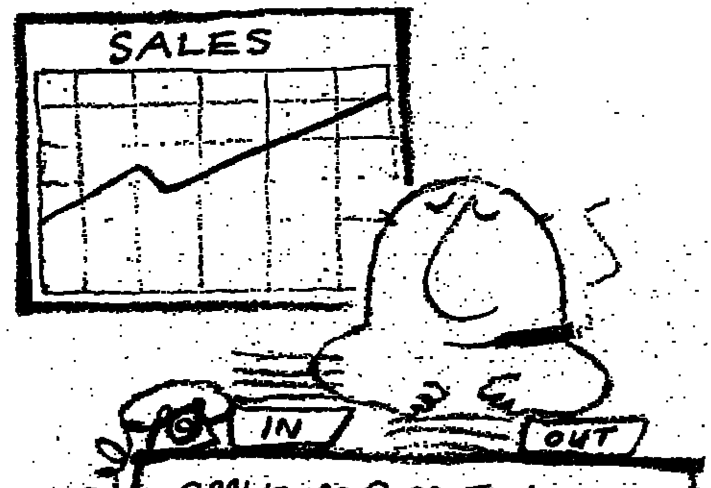

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THE ARTS

Antonioni: the creative use of reality

The Passenger is Antonioni's first feature film since *Zabriskie Point* (1969). It had been announced for the Cannes Festival last year, and it has, in fact, been in production for some years. The preparations were interrupted by the documentary the Italian director shot in China. But it has now been shown in Italy and New York.

It was the Chinese experience which brought his work on the new film into focus, because in China, Antonioni says, he learned to use the camera as an observer, learned to accept reality in cruder form, and learned to watch instead of "only" interpreting. *The Passenger* is a highly stylized film. But what he stylizes is that which he finds around him and not, as previously, that which he invents. "Michelangelo is the only director I know", says Maria Schneider who appears in the movie, "who films reality."

In mid-life, a man sheds identity, hoping to shed failure, and acquires the fate of another, only to find that significance in living lies in the death he inherits. He is followed by two women. All three are united by their knowledge that seeking a meaning in existence may be a doomed endeavour. One, long the companion of his renunciations, refuses his last gesture as just another defeat, while the other, a wanderer herself, recognizes his victory and in his death acknowledges that fleeting, fading glory which is the man in him.

This *Jedermann* story is painted by Antonioni on to a silent, barren canvas made up of windblown Saharan sands, airports, city landscapes: crossroads of modern life which have lost their meaning as points of encounter. Fleeing the self that encroaches, David Locke, a BBC television reporter, keeps the appointments in a dead man's agenda, across London, Munich, Barcelona and the Spanish highlands, delving into his own void, accompanied by the girl Maria who senses, accurate as a seismograph, his emotional ebb and the waning manifestations of his pride.

"While I worked", Antonioni recalls, "I went by instinct. But after, I realized that the contents is in the language. The design of each shot is in itself a concept, an idea concerning reality, a taking of position. And yet it all grows out of feelings, including its rational significance. The cinema is not, in essence, moral. It is emotional."

However, it would be inconceivable today for Antonioni to paint the landscape in the hues that correspond to his emotions as he did in 1964 for *The Red Desert*. He now adjusts to reality instead of adjusting reality to himself, and yet he has maintained the pristine, architectural purity of his camera work. This has been achieved by a conscious effort to consider himself as a recognizable participant, represented by the camera position. We identify less with the film's characters (some critics will call his direction of them cold) than with the film's maker. It is, basically, the difference between prose and poetry.

The Passenger proceeds on a variety of levels. The exterior factors remain autonomous and separate: the figures from David's two lives meet only at his deathbed. But inner meanings intersect: the streamlined conformism in the engaged, intellectual Lansdowne Crescent milieu is intercut in time and space with scenes from African executions and interviews; David's legacy, which his wife Rachel views in a BBC cutting room.

Michelangelo Antonioni. Right, Maria Schneider with Jack Nicholson in London

Photograph by Deborah Beer

The position of the reporter as the false conscience of the bourgeois generations, our inability to discern the reasons for failing in the Third World, and that world's tendency to recolonize itself from within, interrelate to scenes expressing the failure of the idea of excellence in itself, the failure to produce quality, style, and a form of responsible liberalism.

David (Jack Nicholson) has spent a lifetime asking questions and shirking answers. Rachel (Jenny Runnacre) has exiled him, perhaps, from her heart, but finds no surcease in other love. Only Maria (Schneider), unspoiled by living, an architecture student David picks up at the Gaudi Museum ("Who did you say built this?"—"A guy who was run down by a bus.") maintains faith; she is the strength of the film and of our belief. In her single whispered "yes" when asked if she knew the dead man on the bed, after Rachel has voiced a resigned "no", lies as much hope as Antonioni will allow us. It is an austere, hesitant, but definite reaffirmation.

Antonioni's capacity to take a reality as it is and to use it creatively—the Chinese lesson—is nowhere more evident than in his direction of Maria Schneider, blossoming in a first serious part. Where Bertolucci distorted her being ("He always wanted me to be more decadent; I hate that girl he made me play in *Tango*. I had no respect for her. She allowed herself to be used."), Antonioni allowed her to be herself: "The Maria you see in the film is the real Maria. Many shots were taken after the dialogues had ended; I just kept the camera running without telling her. These are some of the best close-ups in the film. She has an uncanny talent: where other actors only seem to be waiting for their colleagues to finish, Maria really *listens*. When she answers, she says what she feels. This ability you must be born with; our age doesn't exactly teach it. It is unique and gives her immediacy."

It will be said, perhaps, that the film is autobiographical. The concentric circles of the plot do not stop at the camera. Just as David closes in on an external reality, and failing, aims for his own, so Antonioni, beyond what he describes, is the journalist reporting on himself. But he did not write the film alone: for the first time in his career he has had to use a story idea by somebody else. Marc Peploe, a young British writer currently enjoying somewhat of a vogue in Italy, sold the first draft to producer Carlo Ponti, who practically imposed the subject on the director, then under contract to him. After some perplexity, Antonioni says, he made it his own, finding that it contained, in fact, elements that he identified with.

Immense care has been expended on the sound track, emotionally underlining and counterpointing the layered structure. The impact of the differing sounds of winds, so hard to record, in the Sahara, in the Spanish dustplains, on roads and airfields, and the sparseness of talk, pared to essentials with razor accuracy, juxtaposed to all the imposing devastation of nature, industrial pollution, air itself becomes a *musique concrète* documenting an epoch. Silence is used with such intensity that it becomes painful, physical loneliness.

Gideon Bachmann

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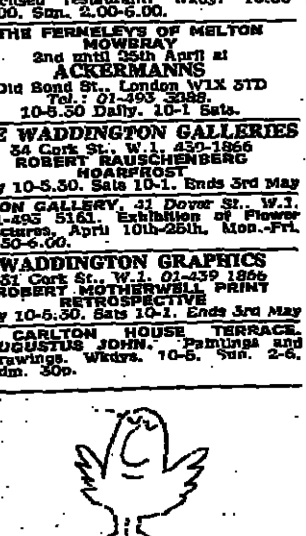

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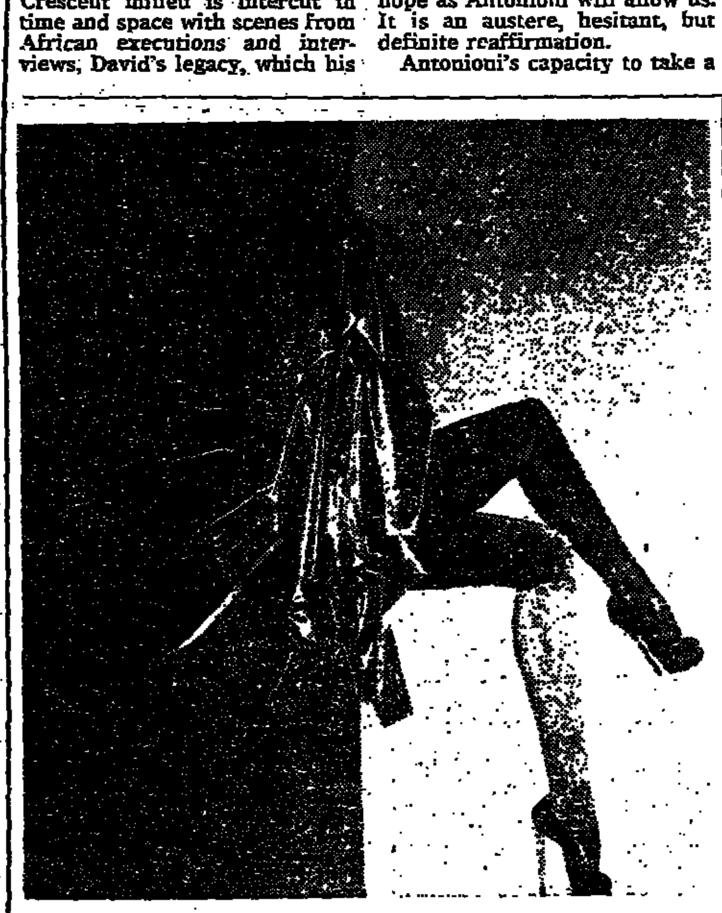

Black latex suit 1973

The Jones Girl

Allen Jones is now showing some new works at the Welsh Arts Council Oriel gallery in Cardiff. Though not large, it is his first one-man exhibition in this country for three years and it shows how one of the bright young men of the Pop Art revolution has coped with a decade of success.

All his familiar trade-marks are here: the glamorous girlie figures, tight leather boots and gloves, plastic jackets and the big breasts and shapely legs that conform to some esoteric, half-forgotten ideal of feminine beauty. This standardized, subjugated girl is the dream of the ad-men and the nightmare of women's lib.

She represents women (to quote Aldous Huxley) "not as they lamentably are, but as the idealists of the brassiere industry would have them to be". It is a simple, cynical image of woman and though it is still the basic ingredient of the pin-up magazines, it has suffered from over-exposure in the Pop Art of the Sixties and has now become dated. What is needed in figurative art is a fresh, more subtle interpretation of this fruitful subject.

Jones has tried to inject fresh interest into his girls by a shift in technique. Gone is the painterly, ambiguous style that he shared with Kitaj. The paint now is bright, smooth and slippery, the line hard and precise, the image explicit. The mystery now is not what figures the paint represents, but what story the figures are telling. What exactly the story is, remains obscure; perhaps one has to be steeped in the language of fetishism to understand it completely.

One device that Jones sometimes uses he calls a diptych. This is not a true diptych but simply two canvases joined together in one frame and often this is no more than a deliberately difficult method of making a larger canvas. In other paintings the join is used to hold a three-dimensional object, as in "Black Latex Suit", where an actual rubber suit hangs across the surface, hiding the vital parts. But if one is tempted and titillated enough to move the suit, it reveals simply the image fading away. Perhaps it is a disappointment to our expectations, but it is not a serious one.

And perhaps this sums up the feeling of the exhibition; that it is not erotic or provocative (in both senses of the word), and one is left with a reaction of disappointment that Jones, with his obvious talent and energy, could not have exploited this fertile subject more imaginatively.

The exhibition remains in Cardiff until April 29, when it moves to Swansea.

Eric Rowan

Vincent Price in Anouilh play

Vincent Price will make his West End stage debut in Jean Anouilh's play *Ardele* at the Queen's Theatre on June 17. Coral Browne and Charles Gray will co-star with Vincent Price in the play. Also in the cast will be Valerie White, Allan Cuthbertson, Lalla Ward, Robin Halstead and Anita Dobson. *Ardele*, which is translated by Lucienne Hill, will be directed by Frith Banbury.

The Doctor's Dilemma
Mermaid

Charles Lewsen

In a programme note, the director Robert Chetwyn described Shaw's medical satire as "a savage comedy that on every level deals with life versus death".

However, Mr Chetwyn begins the evening on a note of amiable naturalism; and—save in scene changes, strikingly effected by stage hands dressed as undertakers—it is not until a skeleton in cardinal's robes begins to dominate Patrick Robertson's austere set in the third act, that Mr Chetwyn begins physically to make his point.

In the first two acts, the doctors—who should, in Mr Chetwyn's reading, represent death—are presented in terms of half-hearted realism. This is partly Mr Chetwyn's failure to follow his idea, partly British actors' distaste for committed embodiment of an author's scorn (which is why Jonson is no doubt played better on the Continent than in his own land.) The naturalism sets one wondering why the doctors manage to spend so much of their time away from their patients, presents the scenes as pure debates, and reduces the men's obsessions to catchphrases.

Since the words are so good, the debates are entertaining; and within the limits of the production, James Villiers—though he has yet to find full confidence in the role—is a delight as BB, the Shakespeare mish-mash being an especial joy.

At the centre Lynn Farleigh does not project that faith—not unakin to that of Shaw's Joan—that should make the doctors all fall for her in their first off-stage meeting with her. Nor has Mr Chetwyn organized a memorable first encounter between Miss Farleigh and the Ridgeon of Derek Godfrey, who fails to suggest either sensualist, scientist or a man in any way interested in his power to dispose of another's life.

On the other hand, Ken Cranham manages to make the fact of Dubedat even more interesting than the hearsay. Looking rather like Rupert Brooke playing Autolycus, he gets full value from the sponging, though he could perhaps afford a shade of the sardonic in the creed, which he tops with a magnificently timed false death. Overall, Mr Cranham gives substance to the central moral problem of the play, the weighing of human worth.

Fanshen
ICA

Irving Wardle

In 1948 an American relief worker, William Hinton, spent six months studying the course of the agrarian reform movement in the village of Long Bow, 400 miles south-west of Peking: subsequently publishing a book, *Fanshen*, which offers the story of Long Bow as a microcosm of the Chinese Revolution. On Saturday, in a farmyard barn near Tring, the same story was told by nine actors who are now playing it at the ICA. If Hinton's 700-page narrative is a microcosm, what is the word for this cut-down version by David Hare and the Joint Stock Theatre Group?

You might box it up as a documentary, or as a didactic piece on the lines of Brecht's *The Measures Taken*: but, in this case, formal classification is no more helpful than using a learned medical term to explain away a virus. What, above all, the company have taken from the book is its title. Literally *fanshen* means "to turn the body": in the revolutionary vocabulary this means putting an end to feudalism—not only by expropriation of property, but by education, judicial reform, sexual equality—the whole process "casting out the slave in oneself".

There are two stock varieties of revolutionary drama: those that salute the glorious overthrow of the oppressors, and those that show the new regime going on to exceed the iniquities of the old. The point about *Fanshen* is that it bypasses this futile cycle, and shows a community that does not collapse into cynicism and corruption. All the violence comes at the start, with the village revolt against the landlords; then a Maoist work team move in and dissolve the local cadres. There are classification meetings, where property is reallocated; public tribunals, where officials come before peasant delegates to confess their mistakes. Everything is open to examination, except the cause of remaking the community.

The production encourages you to look at the evidence with an equally open mind. It would take a determined bourgeois individualist to snigger at the characters as card-carrying boy scouts, chorusing the Internationale, and dropping lines like "I *fanshened* myself and forgot my poor brothers". All that is there; but it appears in a context that gradually forges a human link with an alien society and vindicates the new leaders as honest men.

banishes any sense of propaganda is the spartan clarity of the story-telling. No actor plays less than three parts, but with simple costume changes and facial transformation, there is never any doubt of who is who. They come forward at the beginning and announce their names and what they possess. Their following scenes are established with a handful of beautifully exact props. There is, of course, no central figure; and the emphasis goes exclusively to events and opinions. William Gaskill and Max Stafford-Clark's production is an exercise in total objectivity. Their actors confront the public like the officials testifying to the villagers. "Don't be humble; humble's a way of not being criticized." "I lie awake at night." "Lying awake at night is subjective."

Through the evening you get to know the rules. They may seem cold-blooded, or pious, or humourless; but by the end they make good sense. Nobody is watertight; nobody needs to despair: "Too many taxes under the Nationalists; too many meetings under the Communists", grumbles one of the peasants. It doesn't seem a bad exchange. *Fanshen* may not be much of a guide to modern China, but it tells us a good deal about ourselves.

Renga Moi
Aldwych

Irving Wardle

The autocrat director may cut an anomalous figure in democratic countries, but Africa offers him a natural home, to judge from the case of Robert Serumaga and the Abafumi Company. Under Serumaga's direction, the troupe live together, put in a 12-hour working day, and perform in plays of Serumaga's own composition, sometimes (as in this final World Theatre season show) with him in the dominant role. In comparison, Copeau and Grotowski shrink into modest committee men.

If that seems a jaded response to a pioneer venture, described as the first professional theatre in Uganda, I own up to feeling jaded. The material of *Renga Moi* certainly has exotic interest, but its theatrical signature is very familiar. The young actors come on gravely and arrange themselves in elegantly desolate postures over some upstage bars: there are proclamations, dance ceremonies, stylized combat, clamorous sorties through the auditorium, all proclaiming the group's athleticism, their versatility with African instruments, but without a flicker of independent expression. Serumaga, meanwhile, sits brooding upstage in the role of the priest-diviner who orders all the village affairs, remote and paternal among the well-drilled pandemonium of his subjects.

The piece tells the story of a warrior trapped between irreconcilable duties. Renga Moi's wife has given birth to twins, for which he is obliged to undergo a pacification ceremony and refrain from shedding blood; at the same time he is required to defend the village from an attack.

He fights: and for that custom decrees the death of the children. At one point, Serumaga brings on a carpenter clown whose lines make you prick your ears up: "In this land of despair I make coffins and society is extremely kind to me. I could make chairs, of course, but think of the prosperity!"

Apart from that one bold descent, the play pursues an elevated ritual course, subduing African spontaneity to Greek tragic aspirations.

There are some striking stage pictures: a serene chorale chanted over the sobs of the bereaved mother; a clattering outburst on calabash drums, which the tribe then don as helmets. But with so much emphasis placed on the tragic abstractions, actual events and feelings are left behind. *Renga Moi* seems directed at an international public, but Africa has spoken more powerfully through less artful shows.

Greek Folk
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Alan Blyth

Lina Lalandi again brought Domna Samiou and her Greek musicians and dancers to the Elizabeth Hall as part of the English Bach Festival. That name becomes more and more inappropriate as the years go by, for what could be farther from North German baroque than the flamenco programmes presented under the festival's aegis over the weekend and Monday's eastern Mediterranean music?

Miss Samiou's troupe, of which she is the leading and most affecting singer, gave us a formidable conspectus of her fellow countrymen's folk song and dance, a survey that obviously derived from genuine sources and was given without extraneous or distracting aids. Sometimes the artistry is considerable, and even when it is not, the music itself is usually fascinating enough.

The oriental influence on the Thracian and Macedonian pieces is pervasive, particularly in the melodic line and sometimes in the subtly alternating rhythms, and even the instruments recall their Indian equivalents. The most brilliant of these is the double-reeded zournas, brilliantly played by Evangelos Psathas; the most sensitive, the sitar-like santouri, of which Aristidis Moschos is such a master. These, the insinuating floghera, a Greek flute, and their accompanying instruments were splendid partners for Miss Samiou's singing and/or the dancers.

The music from Crete was by comparison more monotonous (in the word's literal sense) and less flamboyantly sung and played. That from Cyprus seemed to inhabit another, more obviously Mediterranean, even Italianate world, at least in the persuasive, more obviously sensuous singing of Christos Sikis.

The dancers often made less impression than their musician colleagues. The leader, impossible to identify by name, had flamboyance, but this kind of often ring-a-ring-o'-roses movement calls for an authentic background to let one succumb to its natural but rather unvaried jollity.

Bernard Levin

Seeing your way through the fugue

To The Queen Elizabeth Hall last week with the great Muller, for *The Art of Fugue*. (You can't take girls to *The Art of Fugue*, as they complain that they don't know *what's going* on, which normally wouldn't matter but matters in *The Art of Fugue* as I am not at all certain that I know what's going on myself. Nor is Muller.)

Is not *The Art of Fugue* the most amazing work of music ever composed? Nobody knows whether it is a single work, nobody knows for what instru*ments it was written*, nobody knows how Bach would have ended it if he hadn't died just before doing so, nobody knows in what order the sections should be played, nobody even knows what it is supposed to be called, except that it isn't *The Art of Fugue*. Such ignorance of the composer's intentions has given much scope for the musical equivalent of the powerfully held belief which certain people have, to the effect that little green wickerwork men are bicycling round their hats; there have been countless conjectural endings written, each more abominably inadequate than all the others, and the number of arrangements—for organ, piano, two pianos, string quartet and symphony orchestra—is beyond counting.

Last week's version was for ten strings, and is by far the finest I have ever heard, as the performance (by an ensemble called the Deutsche Streichersolisten, drawn from the three principal Berlin orchestras, and every one of them an instrumentalist of outstanding brilliance) was the finest performance; *indeed*, I do not know how long it is since I had a musical evening of *such intensity*. (*Muller said* as we left that it made the Brandenburg Concertos sound *like sugary trifles, and he was* right. As for Wagner, it was two days before I could bear *to think about him*, and will be weeks before I can actually listen.)

The Art of Fugue, though one of the most rewarding of all music's experiences, is undeniably one of the most complex and difficult; it displays Bach's genius at its highest and most intense, for although the conception and execution of the work is cerebral—indeed geometrical—in the extreme, the result in sheer sound is profoundly moving. But the non-expert listener like me, who comes for the end-product rather than the mathematics, needs to be led by the hand through it, needs to have it explained in terms which he can

I bet you can guess what is coming now. What is coming *now is the following series of* typical extracts from the programme-notes:

> Simple canon is now enhanced by double counterpoint. The answer is not at the octave but at the *twelfth*. . . . *Halfway through* the piece the parts interchange with the interval between them altered by a fifth. This explains the original title *Canon alla Duodecima in Contrapunto alla Quinta* . . . . With six versions of his theme plus a free double diminution of its first half, Bach can show the seemingly effortless skill of a chess master by ceaseless overlappings of the augmented, normal and diminished *forms of the subject, both rectus* and inversus. . . . The inverted subject begins a canon at the tenth (ADF being answered by CFA) in a fluent 12/8 to which a chromatic scale figure gives a highly expressive quality . . . even Bach cannot entirely overcome the musical limitations imposed by the virtual impossi*bility of writing suspensions*. . . . Double counterpoint at the tenth gives rise to mellifluous thirds and sixths without the harmonic changes produced by the twelfth . . . .

And so *on*. I have *said it* before and I shall say it again: the point about that stuff is *that those who can understand* it do not need it, and those who need it cannot under*stand it. I have no doubt that* the author (let me not name him to you, you chaste stars) *has got it right*; *no doubt the* parts *do* interchange with the interval between them altered *by a fifth, that this does* explain the original title, that the overlappings of the augmented, *normal and diminished forms of* the subject *are* both rectus and inversus, and that the answer *is not at the octave but at the* twelfth. But *I cannot help* feeling that the answer is also a lemon.

The offence was compounded a couple of nights later, at a fascinating evening of authentic flamenco singing by Antonio Fernandez Diaz, accompanied *by Juan Carmona*. Both this and the Bach were part of the 1975 English Bach Festival, and there was one programme-book for all the events, in which the notes for the Spaniards managed to be even more egregiously useless than those for the Bach. They listed something like 50 forms of *flamenco* or *cante* (though there were only 12 in the performance), which were "explained" like this:

> This group is formed by gipsy-*Andalusian or pure cantes* a) related to the siguiriya (livianas, serranas) b) related to the solea (*cana*, *polo*, *romance*, *alborea*, bulerias) c) cantes influenced by the solea (cantinas, alegrias, romeras, mirabras, caracoles) d) cantes related to the tona (saetas).

There was not one word, in *several pages of such stuff, that* gave any account of what any of the songs we were to hear *were actually about*, *but* I cheered up at the sight of a commère on the platform, *equipped with a microphone* and obviously intending to give us a summary of each song in turn. *Not a bit of it*; *all she* did was intone excerpts from the programme-book we had on our laps (I *think* she *might* have assumed that most of us could read English, despite the presence at the concert of half the Spanish *au pairs* of Chelsea), leaving us none the wiser as to the contents of what we were listening to. Indeed, when Senor Diaz addressed the audience himself, in Spanish, before some of the songs, she did *not* even translate his remarks. (This kind of bumbling amateurishness is supposed to be endearing, but for my part I find it about as endearing as a severe inflammation of the sinuses.)

It was Shaw who said of the jargon-ridden kind of programme-note that he could teach a parrot to twaddle like that in two hours if he could only catch a sufficiently empty-headed one, and nearly a century later I remain amazed at *how often* the compilers of programmes seem never to have asked themselves at whom the *words in them are supposed to* be directed. A concert-goer who can recognize a mirror-*fugue merely by listening* to it has no need of assistance, and one who speaks Spanish has likewise no need of a summary of songs sung in that language. Then since the concert-insulting their more learned customers, why do they infuriate their less expert ones? For the point is that I am not asking the impossible: it is difficult to write helpful programme-notes in intelligible English and in a spirit which recognizes that most of the people at the concert have sufficient musical knowledge to have bought tickets for it but not necessarily much more, but it can be done. What about this, for instance?

> The antecedents of the Bruckner symphonies were Beethoven's Ninth and Schubert's Great C Major: from Beethoven, Bruckner took the mysterious opening veiled in mists, the powerful octave statement of the main theme, the coda beginning with a growling ostinato in the bass, *and the Adagio-Andante alternat*ing type of slow movement; from Schubert he had the *Ländler* type of scherzo and trio, and the fanfare and the chorale brass writing that so often crowns his Allegros. But the structure of *Bruckner's* symphonies is altogether individual (and so is the cut of his themes, of course), and *although we can recognize corre*spondences between one Bruckner symphony and another, when it comes to actual analysis they are all quite different, and the outer movements pursue a variety of sonata-forms unknown to the *text-books*, *expansive*, rich in themes and fragments of theme, and extremely bold in their passage from key to key—the second subject of the first movement in this symphony is a good example.

That excellent stuff *was* written, I am delighted to say, by our own Mr Mann, for a concert last month including the Bruckner Third; his guide to it demanded a minimum of *knowledge and supplied* a maximum of understanding. *O si sic omnes!*

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The case for filling every hospital bed with a 'private' patient

An NHS hospital service with no waiting lists and in which every patient in a general hos*pital* would be treated in the privacy of a single room is not an empty dream but a practi*cal possibility. But the man* behind the idea, Mr E. J. R. Burrough, an Oxford health service administrator with more than 40 years' experience, agrees that it could be done only by radical changes in the present system.

The way to ensure that the 160,000 beds in general hospitals are more fully used instead of the present waste because 30,000 are unoccupied at any one time, he says, is to convert all 25-bed wards into smaller units each of 20 single bed rooms—a reduction in beds of 20 per cent.

This would allow vacant *beds to be used in two signif*icantly different ways: patients would no longer be segregated by sex and neither would the use of the bed be determined by the condition from which the patient was suffering.

The present capital cost of a hospital bed is about £20,000 and its maintenance is more than £100 a week. Architects working for Mr Burrough have estimated that wards could be converted at a cost of £1,500 a bed. Mr Burrough *says that from* the point of view of economy in the sense of doing more for money spent each 500 beds converted to single rooms would show a saving in cost of £250,000 a year.

Traditionalists dedicated to the present open ward system *of 25 to 30 beds either* all male or all female, will have objections to the proposals. Consultants will be particularly concerned about the right to "their beds" for their speciality. Senior nurses will be concerned about the added difficulty of staffing wards at night and at weekends if they are occupied by patients not only *of different sex but with different conditions*.

But Mr Burrough, now a consultant in *hospital* and community health service affairs, has worked on his proposals for ten years, and is convinced that they could be made to work to the benefit of the service, although authorities have so far shown little interest. The *traditional* ward, and the low use of expensive hospital beds, which now ranges from 72 per cent to 85 per cent occupancy, have been criticized for many years, but change does not come easily to British medicine.

Sir George Godber, the former chief medical officer, complained in 1972 that far more beds than necessary were being built or planned, particularly if the proper use of community services and home care was made, as was then *planned*.

Estimates of the number of beds needed for the whole population appear for years to have been based largely on inspired guesswork. Statistical reports constantly show that one important factor, the length of stay of patients with the same condition, varies considerably according to where *in the country he is treated*. Even with beds not fully used Oxford finds that 1.7 acute beds per *1,000 population* are sufficient, but in Liverpool four per 1,000 are needed. The Department of Health current yardstick is 2.8 beds per 1,000, *which is 26,000 more beds* than would be required if all were in single rooms.

It was an *eminent surgeon*, the late Sir Rupert Vaughan-Hudson, who in 1960 questioned the use of public wards. Open wards were, he said, an *anachronism*. They were socially undesirable and medically unsound, for single rooms combated the *dangers* of cross-infection.

Mr Burrough says that a large number of patients are discharged from hospital at *short notice*. More often than not the reason appeared to be that the bed was needed for another patient. But few patients were discharged at risk to themselves, as was proved by the rate of return, which was practically nil.

Patients discharged in a hurry could have been discharged on the same day in an orderly and convenient way. What was needed was an "enabling" office, which would see *that a patient was processed* from his home, through hospital, and back again.

Studies on delays in discharge had found that earlier discharge home would have been possible for 10 per cent of all general medicine and *general surgical patients*. One of the obvious causes of delay was lack of discharge procedures. *An* office concerned with discharges, linked with the admissions office, would not detract from the responsibility of clinicians and senior *nursing staff* for the discharge of patients, but would greatly smooth the mechanics of discharge.

In theory such a system might produce a 100 per cent bed occupancy but because of emergency admissions and the need to *keep* empty beds, that was impossible and also undesirable.

But a "cushion" of 3 per cent was already obtained in hospitals where patients were not separated by sex or by condition.

One great anxiety about establishing a discharge office was that it would increase work: patients would leave hospital sooner and more would replace them.

This, says Mr Burrough, is not a inevitable consequenc Options were open on the co trol of the number of patien admitted, on a reduction of th number of beds or on increa ing staff. He has been ask by the Oxford Area Heal Authority *to set up a pil* scheme for an enabling offic

Mr Burrough says that th idea that single rooms ne more nurses is not borne o in practice in private nursi homes or a hospital such th King Edward VII at Mi hurst.

But if more patients we going *to be* treated in few rooms and if waiting lists we be reduced, two factors h be considered. The first w possible shortage of doct and the second was *the* ne for one additional operati theatre. The latter was becau the waiting list was predor nantly surgical and oper ing theatres could take only many patients in one day.

John Rop
Medical Report

Queen Elizabeth I, aged 26, part of an *illumination in the Blue Book of the Garter*, to be shown for the first time publicly this summer.

For England and St George

English patriotism is an elusive emotion. Its symbols and shrines are less obvious than those of other patriotisms. Our national totems include articles as disparate as Big Ben and Piccadilly Circus; warm beer, *Epsom* Downs, and Westminster Abbey. Any such pantheon [illegible] St George's Chapel, Windsor, whose *building* was begun 500 years ago. Appropriately stately national celebrations are about to start with a service on St George's Day, attended by the Queen, at which the Archbishop of Canterbury will preach.

St George's national importance has many sides: architectural, religious, musical, *and, above all, royal. It is the* spiritual home, the shrine, and the necropolis of royalty, who are *themselves* the most potent validating symbol of English patriotism. As the Queen herself puts it, in her foreword to the quincentenary handbook: "In particular, I recall the many associations which my own family, at our home in Windsor Castle, has with this Chapel, where my father, my grandparents, and so many Kings and Queens before them lie buried." It is the Chapel of the premier order of chivalry in the world, the Garter."

Architecturally St George's is the latest and finest example of England's one unique contribution to the visual arts: Perpendicular Gothic. No other building in that style has so flat a vault or such a large proportion of windows to wall. No more light is imaginable.

In the 15th century St George's was known as the musical centre of England. The statutes directed that its services were to be *cum nota*, that is, sung services "with inflexions", employing the most *advanced musical techniques* of the time. Its succession of brilliant organists this century have *developed further* its medieval reputation. A series of grand concerts will celebrate the 500 years throughout which the best sacred music in England has continually soared to the interlaced foliage of the vaulting.

Sir Arthur Bliss, Master of the Queen's Musik, who died last month composed a new *work called* "Shield of Faith". It is a setting for soprano and organ of poems chosen from each of *the* five *centuries* of the Chapel's existence. In June the five finest church choirs in all England, those of King's College, Cambridge, Westminster Abbey, St Paul's, Westminster Cathedral, and St George's itself, will take it in turns to give recitals of church music, each from a different century of the Chapel's life.

The climax of the celebrations will be an exhibition to be called "Chapel of Kings" opening on July 5 in the Chapter Library. Maurice Bond, Clerk of the Records at the House of Lords, and honorary custodian of the rich muniments of St George's, has collected prodigious treasures, many never seen publicly before, from St George's own "Aerary" and from all over England. He says: "We are *going to illustrate with a great* variety of objects, colour, music, and design, the building *of the Chapel from 1475 to* 1528; the lives of its three principal benefactors, Edward IV, *Sir Reginald Bray* (Henry VII's great minister), and Henry VIII; and the Chapel's *links with the Order of the* Garter and the world of scholarship."

The exhibits will include many national masterpieces. The Queen is lending the portrait of her ancestor, Edward IV, who rebuilt St George's as a thank-offering for having just come out on the right side of a civil war, a temple of pageantry, and a monument to the glorious future of his new dynasty. The Bodleian is lend*ing the Eynsham Madonna* and Child, the supreme specimen of English Romanesque illumi*nation, which used to be in the* Windsor Chapter Library. Mr Bond has secured the earliest known Garter textile, the gold and silk garter of Maximilian, King of the Romans, of about 1490. The Tower is lending Henry VIII's armour, made to measure by his blacksmiths when he was an improbable [illegible] and slim young man.

Exhibits seen publicly for *the first time will include the* "Black Book", the earliest surviving register of the Order of the Garter, with a sequence of superb illuminations painted in 1534. Another treasure never before taken out of the Aerary is the "Blue Book", a later sixteenth century register, with a rare girlish portrait of Queen Elizabeth, aged 26. Another object never displayed before is a fifteenth century stained glass window from St George's, recently discovered embedded in plaster, and portraying St George and the Dragon.

Oddities and engaging English eccentricities include *the mysterious acoustic pots* recently found beneath the stalls in the choir, whose purpose, *it has been surmised*, was to increase the resonance of the singers. There is hair and two whiskers gruesomely extracted from the coffin of Edward IV in the eighteenth century, and a cutting of hair taken from the coffin of his Queen, Elizabeth Woodvill.

The whole summer of celebration is backed and supported by the Society of the Friends of St George's, a body of some 4,500 loyal English men and women, who give their time and money to support the national shrine. Their honorary secretary, Mr Tom Taylor, a retired banker, explains something of the potent patriotic symbolism of St George's: "The *Friends* all want to keep this great piece of our glorious English heritage going, as a bastion of the things we believe in, in these days when *so many* English values are changing and crumbling."

Philip Howard

Who will take us in if we leave the EEC?

Eric Moonman

> 'It seems clear we have many friends in the world but apart from EEC countries no one wants to jump into bed with us'

Where do we go from here? If all the nationalists, the free-traders and the sovereignty-savers and those who see the Treaty of Rome as a Papal plot were to succeed in taking us out of the EEC, they should at least provide us with a forwarding address.

Because *it is inconceivable* that a trading nation like Britain can go it alone, *anyone opposed to the* EEC should consider alternative partners for us. Other trading blocks or nations are not too eager to join forces with us; indeed, we do not rate too highly as an economic partner. Let me specify.

Comecon (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance)

This economic and trading *group of the Eastern European* nations is looking for no more recruits. Having propped up the Soviet Union in achieving its five-year plans, the smaller states view our volatile economy with anxiety; in particular, reactions I have had from Hungary and Poland have been downright discouraging.

Andes (South American Common Market)

There would be geographical difficulties for us in this group*ing*, but with good will no doubt they could be overcome. The high tariff wall of 130 per cent on all goods would certainly keep out so many of the commodities which are affecting our trading balance. Trouble is the tariff wall would be so high that very few commodities would get in!

United States of America

The downturn in the United States economy would make it unlikely that we would be regarded as an acceptable fifty-first state. Certainly, on a recent visit to Washington I could find no takers. One senator put it to me frankly: "We've given you Kojak, Paul *Newman and Marshall* Aid, and you've given us George Best, *All in the Family* and a *defence cover in the last war*. Now let's call it quits."

Commonwealth

Despite what some people imagine, we never left the Commonwealth. What has emerged is the growing up of both white and black notions. *Thus Commonwealth leaders* have in speeches this year vigorously urged Britain not to *quit the EEC because, sensibly*, they see that Britain inside the Community provides the critical outlet they want into western Europe.

The special arrangements which already existed to cover the relationship between members of the Six and their former colonies and dependent territories, have been widened to embrace most of the Commonwealth countries. The African and West Indian members of the Commonwealth have gained the same preferential relationship with the whole of the Community that they previously had with Britain alone; there are special trad*ing agreements with the Asian* countries, with the sugar producers, and with New Zealand concerning dairy products. In fact, leaving the EEC would damage *not* only our own trade with the Community but also that of many Commonwealth developing countries, who need the wider markets the Commonwealth offers.

It seems clear that we have many friends in the world but, apart from the EEC countries, no one wants to jump into bed with us. Our economic record since the war offers a miserable dowry to any partner.

Britain has done so well out of our *short* membership of EEC *that no one, either* a country or a grouping of countries could offer us such terms. *A few simple facts on budget*ing and prices help to make *the point*.

Contrary to the expectations of even the most ardent pro-Marketeers, even the first two years of membership have brought us significant economic benefits. In the first two years, we paid some £385m to the Community budget and £63m into the reserves of EEC lending institutions; our receipts from the Community, in *grants, subsidies, compensa*tory payments and low interest loans, totalled £597m.

So far as food prices are concerned, the effect of Community membership was to add less than one penny in the pound in 1973, while in 1974 membership meant that prices were actually lower than they would have been had we stayed outside; in addition we have gained security of supplies. Britain's own contribution to this development has been in pursuading the Community to operate a system of subsidies for bread, butter, beef, bacon and sugar, as well as a variety of special subsidies for farmers.

Even the adverse effect quadrupled oil prices a world inflation on the Brit balance of payments figu has been to some small ext offset by the improvement our trade with the EEC whi despite the fact that it will another three years bef tariff barriers come down co pletely, is already growi much faster than trade with t rest of the world. Trade w the EEC now accounts for b of all our external trade a exports to the Six have risen per cent more than exports the rest of the world sin 1972. There has also been steady fall in our visible tra deficit in this area. In ad*tion*, the net flow of capital the area has been to Britai advantage.

The anti-Marketeers h shifted the focus of their ca paign away from econo issues and the role of the Co monwealth (for obvio reasons) towards that sovereignty, appealing to natural distrust of "forei interference" and the desire "run our own show".

But how far are we free do this anyway? What pow what authority do we have any real, practical sense? *Arab oil-state ruler has a m significant effect on li* Britain than any decision ma by any *one of my constituen* In the modern wo sovereignty is a roman notion of no practical sign icance in tackling Britain contemporary crisis.

In any case, we are unlike to achieve very much ou side *such* a community in world dominated by big pow blocks. But membership is n *a one-sided affair—we pay o* dues, we turn up at meetin and we share in decision-m *ing. The decisions are not i* posed on us, but are tak jointly.

Of course the EEC is from perfect. One ma change which must come, for which the Treaty of Ro provides, is a directly elec European Parliament, so as well as electing your co cillors to district and cou *councils and your MP to W* minster, you will elect member of the European *liament at Strasbourg. This* the long term is the defence against the encro *ment of bureaucracy*, whe at local or international leve

But you may still want alternative if we quit the Let us admit that EFTA n be revived, or some new World force could be st lated, or we could even the British Isles Yet, what new field of endeavour is posed at next Saturday's La Party conference, none them would be as economi or socially viable for British people as st exactly where we are—in EEC.

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The Times Diary

Janis-Fadner springs a surprise

An intriguing piece of research has been sent me by Leon Hurwitz, Associate Professor of Political Science at Cleveland State University in Ohio. He and *two* colleagues in the department have analysed the coverage in four "elite international newspapers" of President Nixon's resignation and subsequent pardon last year, and reached a surprising conclusion.

The newspapers are The Times, Le Monde, Die Welt and *Pravda*. Hurwitz and his team analysed them *closely* for all Watergate-related material during the periods July 24 to August 15 (the resignation) and September 8 and 15 (the par*don*).

The report is written in the academic jargon with which we are becoming increasingly familiar from American scholars, which I dub techno-English. It does, I *suppose*, rule out ambiguity, but it is terribly sticky going and is fertile *ground* for hunters of obfuscation.

Hurwitz explains how he codified the material statistically, providing "the necessary raw data input in the calculation of the directional analysis". He went on: "Each article in the four newspapers which dealt with United States societal processes was first classified as Watergate/Resignation/Pardon-Relevant or Other US News-Relevant."

There is better, or worse, to come: "In order to analyse these newspapers' biases and interpretations of the American political system and societal processes when in interface with the Watergate nexus, five distinct but related traits were isolated within the Watergate-*relevant category*."

To calculate the degree of imbalance, Hurwitz used a satirical-sounding technique called the Janis-Fadner coefficients of imbalance. It is, he claims, "a simple statistical measure of the degree of imbalance found within a defined set of communications". He then goes on to explain it, leading me to conclude that he uses the word "simple" as loosely as he later describes Louis Heren as *The Times* Washing*ton Correspondent*—a post he has not held for nearly five years.

But enough of the form. What about the content? The most initially surprising finding is that, of the four papers analysed, the coverage in *Pravda* was most favourable to the United States. But before you dismiss this as a load of nonsense, reflect and you will find it really quite logical.

Hurwitz explains: "*Pravda* constantly *referred to the* entire nexus as the 'so-called Watergate affair' as if there were doubts as to its *actual* existence; and more than one article hinted that the entire affair was fabricated by certain circles (the military in particular) in the United States in order to remove the one man in America responsible for the *blossoming* US-USSR détente.

"It is quite significant", he continues, "that Mr Nixon could find solace and support only in *Pravda* and not within the press of the European democracies. Mr Nixon was portrayed by *Pravda* as a victim of *political* assassination by elements unfriendly to the USSR; and the reader of *Pravda* simply *could have no conception* whatsoever of the true nature of the events within, and the meaning of, Watergate."

For the same reason, *Pravda did not criticize* President Ford *for pardoning* President Nixon—a move which was attacked quite strongly in the other three papers.

The most waspish comments about America quoted in the report come from *Le Monde*, which Hurwitz describes as behaving "in its usual back-hand manner of praising with one clause but damning with another". One *quotation* he cites is that "in spite of all the hypocrisies and sexual excesses, *the Americans* still want morality in politics". And in another article *Le Monde* wondered why Americans should be so obsessed with the burglary of a psychiatrist's office, but worry less about American misdeeds abroad, e.g. in Chile.

In spite of that, though, *The Times* emerged from the Janis-*Fadner test* as the least favourably disposed to the United States of the four newspapers. We scored a coefficient *of minus* .155, compared with minus .093 for *Le Monde* and a minus 0.37 for *Die Welt*. *Pravda* scored plus .192.

It is easy to scoff at the expertise of others. If it is hard to see how the world's sum of *useful knowledge is* significantly increased by the research, it must at least have stimulated the thought processes of those who performed it, which is justification enough.

The British Overseas Trade Board has just announced an increase in its subsidies payable to British businessmen joining trade missions to Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos. In future they will pay an extra £75 for going to the first two, and an additional £100 *for visiting Laos.*

Not worth it?

Time is running out for the National Portrait Gallery's campaign to keep the Julia Margaret Cameron Herschel Album in this country. *Approximately half* the £52,000 paid by American purchaser, Sam Wagstaff, at Sotheby's last *year has now been* raised, but the export embargo —the first ever on a collection *of photographs—will be lifted* on May 2.

As part of the final push, Helmut Gernsheim, a leading photo-historian and an expert on Mrs Cameron, was in London yesterday to lend his support to the campaign. I am not sure of the value of his *contribution* to a lunch at the Gallery yesterday.

Gernsheim *gave a lengthy* dissertation on how he offered his own photograph collection *to the British nation in 1951* on condition that a National Photographic Archive be set up *to house it* and all the many other historic photographs then, and still, mouldering in museum storerooms. "I was not going to have mine put in the drawers of the Victoria and Albert. I have plenty of drawers of my own", he explained.

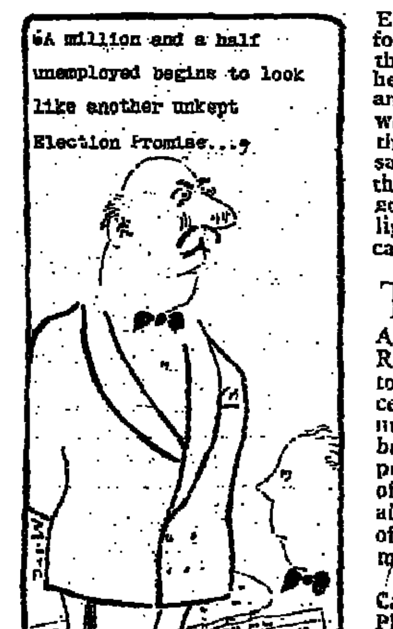
After twelve years of fruitless *negotiation the collection* went to Texas for a sum believed to be in excess of a million dollars. "Britain could have had them for nothing, but people in this country only appreciate things that cost a lot of money", he added ruefully.

Gernsheim thought £52,000 an enormous price for the Herschel Album and added: "Mrs *Cameron didn't have the* best taste. She thought all her photographs were marvellous, *Tennyson, Thackeray and the* others told her so and it went to her head."

Lit up

At nine o'clock on Monday night Reg Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and *Science*, went through the motions of switching on flood lamps instal*led on HMS Belfast. In fact*, the switch had been thrown at least 20 minutes earlier, because the *lamps take some time to glow at* full power, and it is no use having the Navy half lit up on such an occasion.

The 46 floodlights have a power loading of less than 17 kW—little more than that of an average three bedroom house. Derek Saunders, of the London



A million and a half unemployed begins to look like another unkept Election Promise....
SHARES UP BANKS CUT RATES

Electricity Board, said it would cost about £100 a year to operate them. The equipment, worth £2,000, was *given* by Philips as a contribution to the Light Up the Thames project, itself part *of European Heritage* Year.

Prentice confessed that he had wondered whether his colleague Eric Varley, Secretary of for Energy, would appro the electricity being used. he had looked into the m and discovered that if flooc were switched off throu the *country there would* saving of only 0.2 per cent then what is the point *going round the house swi* lights off, as the "Sav campaign urges me to do

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causes a temporary deterioration in the trade balance before increased flows of exports and reduced flows of imports overtake the purely cash effect of higher import prices or lower export earnings, and that this initial setback could become self-perpetuating. It is also feared *that devaluation* causes a deterioration in the country's terms *of trade, thereby reducing* the standard of living at any given level *of domestic output*.

These fears are an anachronism carried over from *the different* circumstances of so-called "fixed" exchange rates in the first twenty-five years of the post-war era. It was true that, when the external price of a currency had been allowed over a long period of years to become drastically over-valued, the necessary adjustment in the end was large and therefore the so-called "J-curve" *effect—involving* a small initial deterioration in the balance of payments before the larger sustained improvement—was pronounced.

This danger has little application in present circumstances where the value of sterling is being gradually adjusted from month to month broadly in line with differential rates of *inflation at home and abroad. If* anything, this should go to stabilize the true value of foreign *earnings* and the true cost of imports by discounting some of the effects of inflation.

In other words, the principal effect of the progressive adjustment of the pound's exchange rate is merely to offset some of the uncertainties and dislocations caused by inflation. There is no need in such circumstances for exporters suddenly to prepare themselves for sharply increased export opportunities. The progressive adjustment merely helps *them to fulfil their previous* plans; and that involves no delay *which could cause a temporary* initial increase in the balance of *payments deficit*. The one reasonable fear of gradual devaluation is that its effect on import prices should create additional pressure for yet more inflation.

As to the effect of depreciation on the terms of trade, the present kind of controlled downward float—in effect a form of "crawling peg" *merely neutralizes* the improvement in the terms of trade which excessive domestic inflation causes. The terms of trade only suffer, if at all, when a long delayed adjustment of the exchange rate occurs, cancelling out overnight the improvement in the terms of trade which years of excessive inflation have caused. In the present circumstances of faster inflation in Britain than elsewhere—in itself a deplorable condition—it would be both odd and disturbing if the pound did not reach new "all-time" lows almost daily.

UBCEK—MORE THAN JUST A MEMORY

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These fears are reinforced by the knowledge that the ideas also appeal to many other communists who will be attending the European conference. Hence the almost panicky virulence of the new attacks by Dr Husak on Mr Dubcek, whom he accuses of being a traitor and an enemy of the people, of playing into the hands of the enemy, and serving *bourgeois* masters and anti-Sovietism—although Mr Dubcek *constantly reiterates his* fundamental faith in the Soviet Union.

Dr Husak *must also have been* off balance to make the extraordinary claim that *there* have been "no arrests, no executions, and our humanitarian approach, our benevolence, is being interpreted as stupidity on our part". In fact thousands of people are out of proper jobs and up to a thousand people have spent time in prison for political reasons since 1969. Recently there have been more purges, including the sacking of students and lecturers from Charles University in Prague. The *secret* police are believed to have stepped up surveillance not only on opposition groups but within the party itself.

In the summer of 1972 even the official press reported more than forty sentences, some of them severe, for offences such as distributing leaflets. Many other cases are known, if not always reported, such as that of Ivan Dejmal, now being re-tried, or that of a group of young people sentenced last year for allegedly *making loud remarks about the* lack of freedom in their country.

All this helps to explain why the Czechoslovak issue remains alive and kicking *more than six* years after the Soviet invasion, and why it is important. It intrudes on east-west negotiations because of the difficulty of reconciling the invasion with the Soviet Union's professed interest in sovereignty, non-interference and the renunciation of force. It undermines attempts to depict eastern Europe as a place of successful, popular and normal governments. It is a running *sore in* the communist movement and particularly in Moscow's *relations with* parties which assert their independence, such as those of Italy, Yugoslavia, Spain and Romania. It is awkward for western communists who do not want electorates to feel that a vote for communism is a vote for Soviet tanks in the streets.

These problems could be watched with amused detachment or even pleasure by non-communists if they did not have *such unpleasant results for the* people of Czechoslovakia and if they did not make it so much more difficult to hope that détente could bring a degree of greater freedom to eastern Europe and thereby improve non-governmental contacts with western Europe. Mr Brezhnev will doubtless be giving some thought to all this while trying to bring his career to a fitting climax. He could do a lot worse than read carefully the essay from Czechoslovakia.

MUCH POWER SHOULD STUDENTS HAVE?

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special inquiry into the incident of the letter, though their reaction to it seems grossly disproportionate to any "impropriety" *it may have entailed*. Certainly the subject of his *letter, student representation on* the academic board (or of the senate of a university), is of legitimate public interest provided that it can be dissociated as far as possible from events at the Polytechnic of North London.

It is time to take a fresh look at the question of the proper degree of student participation in the government of universities and polytechnics. When the polytechnics were first established the Department of Education and Science insisted that their instruments and articles of government should allow a reasonable degree of student representation. At the same time most universities adopted a more liberal policy towards student participation *in their* government. The seal of approval on *these changes was set by the two* concordats between the National *Union of Students* and *the* vice-chancellors and the local authority *associations, which marked* the high tide of student participation.

That particular tide has receded a little but any return to the former days of gentle academic paternalism is out of the question. On the other hand student participation should not be allowed to compromise the undoubted privileges of the university or polytechnic teacher as a professional academic. In a trenchant note of dissent from *the Murray report on London* University in 1972 Mr E. Grebenik wrote: "*University* autonomy in academic matters has been justified on the grounds that those appointed to teach are experts in their own discipline and that, by virtue of their membership of the academic profession, they can be expected to care for the maintenance and furtherance of scholarship and scholarly values."

A distinction should be made between student participation in *the political government of* higher education, that is membership of university courts and polytechnic governing bodies, and in its academic government, membership of university senates and polytechnic academic boards. The first is legitimate because students are entitled to some influence in such matters. The case for significant student representation in academic government is much weaker. Students are not competent to devise and evaluate courses of study through which they themselves are to be educated. By all means let them be consulted in these matters. They expect no less and their opinions deserve to be considered. But there is a difference between being consulted and being in on the decision. The distinction should be reflected in the procedures.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EEC referendum issues: wording of the question

From Dr Henry Durant

Sir, It would be a pity if the referendum results, having been announced, were rejected by critics alleging improper wording of the question. *Question wording* is a technical matter, amenable to rules. If the wording of a question, in any form of survey work, does not pass as a minimum all the following tests, it should be rejected:

1 Wording should be simple and *concise*.
2 Attention should be drawn to immediately relevant facts.
3 Any terms used should conform to popular usage.
4 All the main choices should be listed in the question itself.

The *wording* suggested by the Government can be brought into line with these rules by amendments which are only slight. The question would then read: "*Do you think that the United Kingdom* should stay in or get out of the Common Market?" And the voter's cross would be placed against "Stay In" or "Get Out".

Yours faithfully,
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5 Highgate West Hill, N6.
April 21.

From Professor R. N. Neild

Sir, There is now one over-riding reason for opposing continued British membership of the EEC—that it deprives us of the right to adopt a policy of tariff protection in order to arrest and reverse the decline in British industry and employment.

When the EEC was being created in the mid-1950s British industry appeared relatively strong and it seemed reasonable on economic *grounds to support membership*. Indeed I did so. But since then it has become manifest that British industry has become progressively less able to stand up to competition *from* the industries of other countries. The shipbuilding industry is a good example. In 1938 it accounted for the construction of 56 per cent of the world's tonnage launched. Today the proportion is 5 per cent and but for heavy government support it would probably be *zero. And* that is not an isolated case. Our motor car industry, our machine tool industry, our heavy engineering industry are under the same *kind of threat*.

It is well known that in manufacturing there are strong cumulative forces governing development. Success in competition breeds more success. Failure breeds further decline. For the last 10 years our imports of *manufactures* have increased much faster than our exports. In 1970 our exports of all manufactures were nearly 50 per cent greater than our imports of *manufactures*; last year the excess of exports over imports was only 15 per cent. Our *total trade with* [illegible] has gone from a deficit of less than £100m in 1970 to a deficit of £2,200m in 1974, although it was a year in which our EEC goods were still subject to 60 per cent of the normal tariff.

The likelihood is that, if the rules of the EEC *continue to be* applied, Britain will become, within 10 years, a derelict industrial area, with many factories closed down, industrial employment drastically reduced and no alternatives in prospect but emigration. A decline of this sort, once it starts, can be rapid.

The Foreign Secretary assured Parliament the other day that, whatever the "fine print" may say, "*the political reality of life in the* Community is that no single member, be it Britain or anyone else, can be compelled to follow a course which will throw large numbers of its people out of work or impoverish its citizens". (*Hansard*, April 9, 1975, Col 1364.) That *sounds* all very well, but does it mean that we are free to erect a protective tariff against goods imported from other EEC countries—*not* just for a short time but, say, for the period of 10 *years that is probably needed to* regenerate British industry?

Many of my economist colleagues will no doubt answer that protection is not really necessary; we could secure the same objectives by a succession of devaluations and nobody *can stop us doing that*.

Unfortunately our freedom to devalue repeatedly is circumscribed by many factors, not least by the need to maintain the confidence of *our creditors*. But apart from that, devaluation is not a real alternative to industrial protection. Except in conditions very favourable to wage stability—which we do not now enjoy—the stimulus it provides tends quickly *to be eroded* away *by the inflation it generates. Since* 1967 we have devalued the pound by about one third in relation to other currencies. Yet our competitiveness, judged by our *performance in international trade*, is worse than it was then.

What we need now is to be Big Englanders, intent on putting our house in order on our own, not *Little Englanders running suicidally* for cover in a direction in which there is only exposure.

Yours faithfully,
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Cambridge.

From Professor Richard Hiscocks

Sir, The unwisdom of deciding the question of EEC membership by referendum is brought home forcibly by two letters published recently by you from Mr Peter Calvocoressi and from Lord Tranmire and Sir Michael Wright, three experts on international affairs with long *records* of public service. Mr Calvocoressi asked for guidance about his vote and Lord Tranmire and Sir Michael implied that they themselves may be in the category of hesitants. If such men are in doubt, how much more difficult *will it be for the average voter to* come to a rational decision.

Mr Calvocoressi asked whether a non-EEC country might now negotiate a free trade agreement with the EEC, and Mr Wyatt has in his reply already thrown light on this matter. But, *in fact, no one can* answer the question with certainty or foresee what terms the EEC would impose, if an agreement with Britain were to be reached. Were *the British electorate to decide* against membership, the case of an almost importunate applicant being accepted and then repudiating its treaty obligations would be without precedent. In any case, the sanctity of treaties, to which Mr Calvocoressi *also refers, is increasingly important* in an interdependent and highly dangerous world, and I hope that he makes his final decision.

Lord Tranmire and Sir Michael suggest that Britain should emulate the example of Switzerland and Sweden, but the world would be a very different place today if she had done so during either of the two world wars. As for their reference to Canada "retaining her identity" rather than "joining the United States", no member of the *European Community so far has* come near to losing its identity, although six of them have been in it for 17 years. Many Canadians, on the other hand, lament the erosion of their identity as a result of the strong economic and cultural influence of the United States and of the defence agreements with that country which their Government rightly considered wise.

Lord Tranmire and Sir Michael also repeat the *much misused half-truth* about our big trade deficit with the Community. Our deficit with the Community is high, it is true, but this is the result of our overall trade deficit being high due to *our own deficiencies* and of the fact that since we joined the Community our trade with it has risen to over a third of our total trade. The other half of the truth, consistently suppressed by most opponents of our membership, is that during *the last few years* our non-oil trade gap with the Community *has increased proportionately* much less than that with the Commonwealth or with the United States.

It would seem that the strong *rational and ethical arguments in* favour of Britain's continued membership of the Community, which have convinced most members of the present Cabinet and a large majority of Conservative and Liberal leaders, are offset in the *minds of some "middle of the road moderates"* by a residue of narrow nationalism or isolationism from a bygone age. On June 5, it is to be hoped, the British people will be *thinking of our country's future* rather than of its past.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HISCOCKS,
Dickers,
Hunworth,
Melton Constable, Norfolk.
April 21.

From Mr Christopher Tugendhat, Conservative MP for City of London and Westminster, South

Sir, It is ironic that it should have been an opponent of Britain's continued membership of the European Community, Mr Eric Varley, who, as Secretary of State for Energy, commended Britain's participation in the International Energy Agreement to the House of Commons.

He argued that the IEA and the EEC *are in no way comparable*. In fact however both show that in modern conditions the nations of the advanced industrialized world are so interdependent that they must pool their *sovereignty in order to* safeguard their vital economic and strategic interests. Moreover, the obligations imposed by the IEA on member countries to share oil imports and stocks in an emergency, and to restrain internal demand, are *more onerous* and detailed than anything demanded by the EEC. They also have profound implications for the conduct of foreign policy as they would be brought into operation *as a result of a crisis* in the Middle East, or between the *states* of that area and the industrialized countries.

In present circumstances the Government is quite right to support the IEA. But is it not absurd that *it will not even allow a Parliamentary* debate on this agreement, while insisting on a referendum on the European Community?

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER TUGENDHAT,
House of Commons.
April 18.

English Catholicism

From Mr A. E. C. W. Spencer

Sir, I fear that Bishop Lindsay (*The Times*, April 17) is clutching at straws. The difference of a million between my estimates of baptized Catholic population and estimates based on opinion, market and audience research surveys reflects, I suggest, that section of the baptized Catholic population whose alienation has gone so far that they no longer even describe themselves as Catholic. The remainder of the two and a half million alienated at the end of 1971 were those baptized into the Catholic Church, still describing themselves as Catholic, who no longer called on *the offices of* the Church at the three great turning points of life.

The accuracy of any estimates *can of course be questioned*. If Bishop Lindsay has at his disposal estimates of baptized Catholic population that are demonstrably better based than my own, he should publish them. My own estimates were, however, broadly corroborated by G. A. Beck (*now Archbishop of* Liverpool) in 1950 and by the Catholic Education Council in 1967. G. A. Beck estimated in 1950 that the total (baptized) Catholic population (around 1949-50) was "at least 4,300,000 and, quite possibly, very near the round *figure of 5,000,000*".

In 1955 the Newman Demographic Survey *estimate of the* same population as at April 8, 1951, was 4,671,000. Then in 1967 the Catholic Education published estimates based on a very crude version of the same NDS method, yielding a baptized Catholic population of 5,690,000 for 1961 (presumably April 23). My extrapolated figure for the same date, 5,878,000, is only 3.3 per cent higher, a difference quite negligible in the context of alienation which by the end of 1971 had reached 2.6 million or 37 per cent of the baptized Catholic population of England and Wales.

No community can continue for very long to experience alienation on this scale *without* suffering far-reaching consequences. By closing down the Newman Demographic Survey in 1963-64 the bishops delayed for a decade the identification of this new phenomenon in English Catholicism. Now that it has come *to light* they will *do an* ill service to their community if they bury *their heads in the sands* and protest that it is not there.

Yours faithfully,
A. E. C. W. SPENCER,
Pastoral Research Centre,
16 Osborne Gardens, Belfast.

From Dr Mary Berry

Sir, I do not know the statistical rights *and wrongs of Clifford* Longley's interesting article on membership of the Roman Catholic church in *The Times* of April 14. I do know, however, that there is now a new reason for which people are leaving the Catholic church: despair at the loss of dignified and numinous liturgy.

Since the Second Vatican Council the church has formulated a really excellent new Mass in Latin—the *Missa Normativa*—from which the vernacular translations were made. One would expect this Mass to have an *honoured* place alongside the vernacular masses in our churches. But many Catholics do not even know of its existence, nor that it may be celebrated freely. Somehow the fable has spread that mass cannot be celebrated in Latin without special permission from the Bishop.

In my experience as a liturgical musician I find that although there is, of course, a need for short masses, for vernacular masses and for modern music, people also profoundly need and long for the solemnity, beauty and spiritual nourishment of their liturgical birthright—the mass in Latin with its ancient ceremonies and its *specifically* Western musical idiom, Gregorian chant. This need (which *is by no means confined to the* middle-aged or elderly) is especially deep at the moments of the great feasts and solemnities of the church. I think it should now be taken very seriously indeed and should be adequately catered for in *our churches*.

At present, alas, the Catholic church is being weakened by the loss of numbers of those who were its most thoughtful and loyal members, but who cannot live in what is for them a state of acute liturgical deprivation. *They are now* seeking Christian liturgical life in other communions—notably the Greek and Russian Orthodox churches, or else they are frequenting the oriental rites in communion with Rome.

Yours faithfully,
MARY BERRY,
Director of Studies in Music,
Newnham College, Cambridge.

Photographic heritage

From Mr Helmut Gernsheim

Sir, I was delighted to read that the National Art Collections Fund has considered the Cameron album of sufficient importance to make a substantial grant *towards its purchase*. I take this as a good omen signifying the long overdue recognition of photography as an art medium and also a growing awareness in Britain that something must be done if the much publicized intention of establishing a National Collection of Photography is ever to become a reality. However, all friends of photography must face the fact that despite this generous act there still remains *£30,000 to be raised* by May 2 to save this important relic of Victorian photography for Britain.

Britain is justly proud of the superb national art collections brought together by previous generations. *Unfortunately, due to a* lack of imagination and foresight our museums did not embrace photography, a field in which Britain has produced some of the world's greatest masters of whom the United States now own the *finest* private and public collections. The export restrictions on old photographs have done nothing to stop the drain of this great heritage abroad, for without funds Mr Colin *Ford can neither compete at* the auctions or enforce the restrictions. To save an item now and then by begging can never lead to the establishment of a national collection which *began at zero four years* ago.

Unless, therefore, the photography collection is endowed by a sufficiently large Government grant to end this sad state of affairs it might as well say goodbye to the limited *number of masterpieces of Victorian* photography still available—until there is nothing left. My previous warnings and efforts to establish a national collection have, unfortu*nately, gone unheeded. Now* the time has come to act. This is the last chance, calling for a national effort. I very much hope the missing amount on the Cameron album *will* be raised in time, but everyone concerned should be aware that this is only the beginning and not the end.

Yours truly,
HELMUT GERNSHEIM,
Residenza Tamporiva,
Via Tamporiva 28,
6976 Castagnola,
Lugano, Switzerland.
April 16.

TV interviews

From Mr Bruce Parker

Sir, Why are all your correspondents on this subject judging television interviews by the *questions* which are asked? The merit of an interview surely lies in the quality of the *answers* received. However *ill-fitting the question may seem to* the viewer, if the answer is a good one then the question, too, must have been good.

In fact, in most situations the accolade for the interviewer is when everybody remembers what the interviewee has said but nobody remembers the interviewer.

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE PARKER,
Lanham Cottage,
Lanham Lane,
Winchester,
Hampshire.

Black Paper on education

From the Rev Nick Earle

Sir, Do the parent governors of ILEA county secondary schools really believe (Letters, April 21) that children have to be taught how to behave badly? That they do so seems a reasonable inference from their assumption that "Children are not naturally bad".

My own view is that all human beings, not just children, stand in need of *redemption from a natural* prejudice in favour of themselves *and that* in this process restraint and encouragement have equal parts to play.

But whether I am right or wrong in this I am sure that all debate about education will be futile which does not proceed from agreed *assumptions* and *that* among these there must be some at least which concern the nature and destiny of man.

To describe the effort to establish such assumptions as a "*game*" is, I submit, less than helpful; without it society must fall apart.

I am, Sir, yours &c,
NICK EARLE, Headmaster,
Bromsgrove School,
Worcestershire,
April 21.

From Mr R. J. Rees

Sir, There are already signs in your *columns that the battle of the Black* Paper will be fierce, well-publicized, and conducted by educational politicians rather than practising teachers. In so far as it is concerned *with long-term aims and the planning* of the state educational system this is fair enough; but the debate about classroom methods—formal and traditional *versus* informal and progressive—is a very different kettle of fish. Could we not agree at the start that it is not really a political matter at all?

The public schools, and the smaller independent schools represented by this association, have *generally tended to be suspicious of* "progressive" methods and to favour a more traditional and authoritarian approach. This view is shared, however, by many of those who teach in the state system and by many whose political attitude is far *from conservative*.

The association of traditional teaching methods with right-wing or reactionary politics is therefore misleading, as is that of "progressive" methods with leftish or liberal politics. Professor Cox has *already pointed this out, but it is* worth while saying again if it will enable us to conduct the argument without too much passion and confusion.

Yours faithfully,
R. J. REES, General Secretary,
The Independent Schools
1 Covington Lane,
Seaford, Sussex.
April 21.

North London Polytechnic

From Mr Christopher Champness

Sir, Last night the Court of Governors of our polytechnic took the unprecedented action of calling on its chairman to *suspend the Director*, Mr Terence Miller.

We would like to draw your readers' attention to the following aspects of the situation which are causing many people grave concern:

1. The grotesque over-reaction of the Court of *Governors to a relatively trivial error of judgment by the director*: *writing* to the Department of Education and Science expressing his personal opposition to elements of the proposed new academic structure of the polytechnic. *Although he subsequently* retracted this letter in view of the reaction which it caused, and the DES indicated that they would not therefore expect the court or the ILEA *to comment on it, it now* appears to be the basis for possible dismissal.

2. The minimum possible notice was given for this crucial meeting (only three clear days) although the circumstances occasioning it *occurred on March 24. Why the* delay?

3. Many academics both inside and outside the Polytechnic would agree with much of the substance of the director's original letter to the DES.

We know that many of our colleagues are outraged by the calculated use of such a flimsy pretext for initiating procedures to suspend the director. Such conduct can only *damage the credibility of the polytechnic* and raises important issues for other institutions of higher education.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER CHAMPNESS,
Head, Department of Law; elected Staff Governor.
CAROLINE COX,
Department of Sociology; Academic Board member.
JOHN MARKS,
Department of Physics; Academic Board member.
The Polytechnic of North London,
Highbury Grove, N5.
April 22.

Mr Healey's Budget

From Mr W. A. Barker

Sir, In the present situation and in the light of the post-Budget discussion, I am sure that there are as *many people* as confused as I am. If, as Mr Healey says, we are paying ourselves *as a nation more than* we produce, then how is it possible to have a "social contract" based on the premise of maintaining existing standards of living?

Secondly, if the increased rate of VAT is being levied on "luxury *goods*" then why are these goods included in the cost of living index? This index triggers thresholds and is one of the so-called guidelines.

Every time I look at my Boxer dog chasing its limited tail I am reminded of our national plight. At least my dog gives up the hopeless task before it becomes dizzy; we *as a nation seem determined to become* insane in the search for the impossible.

Yours faithfully,
W. A. BARKER, Headmaster,
The Leys School, Cambridge.

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was by no means to be
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ite Mr Groves's strictures
(*The Times*, April 7), my view takes careful account both of the theology of the New Testament and the history of the Church. The existing muddled ideas concerning the Church's ministry arise from confusing the clergy (a sociological category) with *priesthood* (a theological concept). The task of clarification requires a great deal of radical thinking as well as constructive practicable proposals, such as those put forward in the Archdeacon of Auckland's letter, typical of much valuable thought going on within the Church at this time.

The answers, both theoretical and practical, to the many searching questions arising cannot be given within the compass of a letter. I have embodied my personal contribution to this task within the scope of a book, and I must ask the indulgence of your correspondents in deferring a full reply to the points they make in their letters until its publication early next year.

Yours faithfully,
JOSEPH McCULLOCH, Rector,
St Mary-Le-Bow,
Cheapside, EC2.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 22: Their Imperial Highnesses Prince and Princess Mikasa this afternoon visited The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

The Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, the Earl and Countess of Antrim, the Lord and Lady Nugent of Guildford, the Secretary of State for the Home Department and Mrs Jenkins and the Chief Rabbi and Mrs Jakobovits arrived at Windsor Castle this evening.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 22: Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President of the Girl Guides Association, attended the Annual General Meeting of the Association held this morning at Commonwealth Headquarters and this afternoon at Fishmongers' Hall.

The Lady Juliet Townsend was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 22: The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon opened a new swimming pool for Mentally and Physically Handicapped Patients at Llanfrechfa Grange Hospital, Gwent.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
April 22: Princess Alexandra, as Vice-President of the British Red Cross Society, was present this evening at a concert given by the English Chamber Orchestra, in aid of the Red Cross Vietnam and Cambodia Fund, at the Royal Albert Hall.

The Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

The SSAFA Woburn Ball, under the chairmanship of the Duchess of St Albans, will take place in the sculpture gallery at Woburn Abbey on Friday, July 11 in aid of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association.

A memorial service for President Chiang Kai-shek will be held at the American Church in London, 13 North Audley Street, W1, on April 25 at 1 pm.

A thanksgiving service for the life of Mr Roy Bristow will be held at St Vedast alias Foster, Foster Lane, London, EC2, on Monday, May 12, 1975, at 1.15 pm.

Birthdays today

Lord Carew, 70; General Lucius Clay, 78; Dr Glyn Daniel, 61; the Earl of Drogheda, 65; Sir Arnold Hall, 60; Sir Edwin McAlpine, 68; Dame Ngaio Marsh, 76; Sir Thomas Padmore, 66; Sir Kenneth Pickthorn, 83; Lord Samuel of Wych Cross, 63; Sir Herbert Tetley, 67; Mr George Wansbrough, 71; Sir Eric Yarrow, 55.

Girl Guides' leader: Mrs Owen Walker, who was yesterday elected Chief Commissioner of the Girl Guides Association, to succeed Mrs Derek Parker Bowles later this year. Mrs Walker is at present chief commissioner Midlands region.

Other appointments include: Lord Greenwood of Rossendale and Dr E. Gee to be members of the Advisory Board for Redundant Churches in succession to Dr A. Taylor (now chairman), and Sir Francis Hill.

Mr Harry N. Eccleston, artist/designer to the Bank of England, to be President of the Royal Society of Painter-Etchers and Engravers, in succession to Mr Paul Drury.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. W. Roskill
and Miss C. E. Garnett

The engagement is announced between Julian Wentworth, only son of the Right Honourable Lord Justice and Lady Roskill, of Heatherfield, Newtown, Newbury, and New Court, Temple, EC4, and Catherine Elizabeth, second daughter of Major and Mrs W. F. Garnett, of Quernmore Park, Lancaster.

Dr D. I. T. Edwards
and the Dowager Lady Teynham

The engagement is announced between Dr Ian Edwards, of Glen Lyn, Sarisbury Green, Hampshire, and Anne Rita (nee Curzon-Howe), widow of Captain the Lord Teynham DSO, DSC, Royal Navy, of Inwood House, Sarisbury Green, Hampshire.

Mr C. G. Barnett
and Miss L. McCorquodale

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Barnett, of Chollerton House, Hexham, Northumberland, and Lucy, daughter of Mr George and the Hon Mrs McCorquodale, Shenley Church End, Buckinghamshire.

Mr N. H. Coldwell-Horsfall
and Miss D. M. Smedley

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs Colin Coldwell-Horsfall, of Blackdown Manor, Leamington Spa, and Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Smedley, of The Croft, Berkswell, Coventry.

Mr W. M. Cox
and Miss P. Pryce-Jones

The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W. P. Cox, of Stevenshill Cottage, Harnage, Salop, and Pamela, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Pryce-Jones, of Walcot, Chirbury, Montgomery.

Mr L. H. Griffin
and Miss C. J. MacFetridge

The engagement is announced between Laurence Henry, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. B. Griffin, of 23 Pleasant Hill, Tadley, nr Basingstoke, and Caroline Joanna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. F. T. MacFetridge, of Hinton, Elm Road, Hereford.

M M. Vaquin
and Miss M. E. Aston

The engagement is announced between Michel, son of M and Mme Jean-Charles Vaquin, of Paris, and Madeleine, daughter of Dr and Mrs Howard Aston, of Bromley, Kent.

Mr C. P. Hardingham
and Miss G. A. MacManus

The engagement is announced between Charles Peter, son of Mr and Mrs K. Hardingham, of Saltdean, Sussex, and Georgina Anne, younger daughter of his Honour Judge and Mrs MacManus, of Twineham, Sussex.

Dr R. P. Kirby
and Miss A. S. Finch

The engagement is announced between Roger Kirby, of Hadley Court, Haddington, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr R. Finch and the late Mrs Finch, of Downholme, Droxford.

Major C. J. Grose
and Miss M. L. Houssemayne du Boulay

The engagement is announced between Christopher Grose, 17th/21st Lancers, son of Brigadier and Mrs J. Grose, of The White House, St Martin's, Stamford, Lincolnshire, and Louise, daughter of Major and Mrs T. P. Houssemayne du Boulay, of Church Farm, Norton St Philip, Bath, Avon.

Mr A. McKay-Meikle
and Miss A. G. Haley

The engagement is announced between Alastair, son of Mr and Mrs J. McKay-Meikle, of Masham, Yorkshire, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr A. Haley, OBE, of London, W11, and of Mrs T. J. McAleese, of Dishforth, Thirsk, Yorkshire.

Mr G. Norman-Butler
and Miss L. B. de M. Hunter

The engagement is announced between Giles, younger son of the late Nicholas Norman-Butler and of Mrs N. Norman-Butler, of Troyes Hall, Fairstead, Chelmsford, Essex, and Lucia Beaufort de Marigny, daughter of Major and Mrs H. B. de M. Hunter, of Huntersfield, Camberley, Surrey.

Mr R. P. Richenburg
and Miss C. W. Frank

The engagement is announced between Ronald Peltyn Richenburg, son of Professor and Mrs R. Richenburg, of Ithaca, New York, United States, and Catherine (Kate) Winifred Frank, daughter of Dr W. Frank and the late Mrs A. W. Frank, ward of Mr and Mrs R. Setterfield of Botswana, formerly of Heathfield, Sussex.

Mr D. T. Salathiel
and Miss D. C. Veale

The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs T. H. Salathiel, of Bridgend, Glamorgan, and Dorothy, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. H. Veale, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

Mr H. Shelley
and Miss H. Macnamara

The engagement is announced between Howard, younger son of Mr and Mrs F. Gordon Shelley, of 38 Cholmeley Park, Highgate, N6, and Hilary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M. J. Macnamara, of 11 Woodville Road, Golders Green, NW11.

Mr R. Underwood
and Miss T. Wiseman

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs G. R. Underwood, of Rookwood House, Woodbrook Road, Alderley Edge, Cheshire, and Tanya, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Wiseman, of Witchwood, Nightingale Lane, Maidenhead.

Mr M. A. Watson
and Miss C. Ellis Jones

The engagement is announced between Martin, twin son of Mr and Mrs Harry Watson, of Bramley Cottage, Charing, Kent, and Christine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ellis Jones, of 5 Castle Hill, Criccieth, North Wales.

Marriage

Mr J. I. Brooke
and Mrs U. M. Ponsonby

The marriage took place in London on April 19 between Mr John Ingham Brooke and Mrs Ursula Mary Ponsonby.

Redevelopment at the Fulham Pottery, London, has brought a nineteenth-century bottle kiln into public view. The company intends to turn it into a museum.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before duty paid).

Burnett, Mr Richard George Sidney, of Wrington (duty paid, £21,584) £218,621

Fisher, Mr Reginald Charles Umfreville, of Farnborough, Kent, left £325,515 (duty paid, £110,336).

France-Hayhurst, Mr Robert Edward, of Chester .. £109,619

Humphreys, Mr Francis Joseph, of Oswestry, farmer (no duty shown) £153,751

Jeffs, Mr Alfred Wright, of Wightwick, West Midlands, stockbroker and company chairman (no duty shown) £100,549

Today's engagements

The Queen attends service of thanksgiving in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, to mark the opening of the celebrations of the chapel's 500th anniversary; Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret, Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Kent will also attend, 11.30.

The Duke of Gloucester attends St George's Day Dinner of the Honourable Artillery Company, Armoury House, 7.20.

The Duchess of Kent attends Shakespeare Birthday Gala Concert organized by the World Centre for Shakespeare Studies in aid of Oxfam, Festival Hall, 7.10.

Slipping pound brings foreign dealers to London in hope of bargains

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Extraordinary things happened to prices of Continental ceramics and glass at Sotheby's and Christie's yesterday. In Christie's glass sale there was intense bidding throughout, and one Biedermeier glass ran to a price 10 times its estimate; the sale totalled £33,141, compared to an estimated £22,000. The biggest surprises were the result of intense competition from Germany. At Sotheby's the Italians were making the going.

Christie's had small group of Biedermeier glass from Bohemia; the Bohemian glassmakers excelled themselves in the early decades of the nineteenth century with technical achievements, exotic coloured glass, polishing, and cutting. There had been no fine examples at auction for some time and Christie's were somewhat in the dark as to price. In the event, an amber-flash transparentemail beaker by Anton Kothgasser went for £2,520 (estimate £225 to £250), an amber-flash Ranftbecher by Kothgasser for £1,995 (estimate £250 to £350) and a lithyalin beaker by Friedrich Egermann for £1,785 (estimate £300 to £400). Two German bidders fought each other for ownership of each.

These two sales brought to something of a climax a trend that has been apparent in London for a couple of months. The steady deterioration of the pound against European currencies, combined with England's well publicized economic difficulties, has attracted an unprecedented number of foreign dealers to London in the hope of picking up bargains. The presence of these extra competitors at sales has run prices in lesser sales to unaccustomed levels; normally foreign dealers only make the journey for major auctions.

There were plenty more surprises. An English engraved goblet, the funnel bowl engraved in diamond point with bust portraits of King William and Queen Mary and the date 1689 went to Howard Phillips at £1,680; Christie's had been estimating £80 to £110. Then there was a Saxon blue glass dish on which they had revised their opinion at the last moment. Originally catalogued in a double lot with a Bohemian tankard and estimated at £50 to £100, it was split into a separate lot before the sale. It is an armorial dish engraved in diamond point with a coat of arms and the date 1649; Christie's estimated £800 to £1,000 before the sale but it was sold at £1,575.

At Sotheby's the most startling prices were paid for good, but not exceptionally rare, Italian majolica, and Italian porcelain. There were three Faenza drug jars estimated at about £200 to £350, which were sold for £1,000, £1,050 and £1,150. Two Venetian drug jars expected to fetch in the £150 to £250 range sold for £800 and £950. Then there was a beautiful little Capodimonte coffee cup and saucer.

Inca motif: Three items of Spanish-American furniture which came from a convent at Cuzco, Peru, were sold at Phillips. They dated from the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. A Peruvian bureau cabinet carved with the Inca sun god sold for £850. A similar Peruvian oratory cabinet went for £800, and a giltwood vargueno, or cabinet on stand, from Ecuador, made £300. All were approximately as estimated and went to an Italian buyer. In the same sale of furniture, which totalled £33,100, Gordon paid £1,600 for a Louis Philippe porcelain - and - ormolu - mounted dwarf cabinet.

Phillips also auctioned buttons, badges and buckles collected by BBC television's Blue Peter programme on behalf of Guide Dogs for the Blind. It was a selection of the better items from nearly 2,500,000 packets sent in by viewers and the sale realized £5,108. A remarkable price was £350 paid for a Waterloo Medal: a similar example brought £260 at a medal auction last year.

Luncheons

HM Government

Mr James Callaghan, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Admiralty House in honour of M Gaston Thorn, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg. Among the guests were:

The Luxembourg Ambassador, Mr Jeremy Thorpe, MP, Mr William Whitelaw, MP, Mr Roy Hattersley, MP, Sir Thomas Brimelow, Sir Oliver Wright, Mr J. C. A. Roper, Professor Asa Briggs, Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, Mr Frank Chapple, M Julian Alex, M Paul Helminger, Mr Patrick Nairne and Mr Antony Acland.

HM Government

Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State, Department of Trade, was host at a luncheon at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of Dr D. M. Gvishiani, Deputy Chairman of the State Committee for Science and Technology, and Mr V. G. Kolesnikov, Deputy Minister for the Electronics Industry, Soviet Union.

GLC

The Chairman of the Greater London Council, Lord Pitt, of Hampstead, was host at luncheon at County Hall yesterday. Guests included the High Commissioners for Ceylon, Lesotho and Malawi and their ladies, the Finnish Ambassador, the mayors and mayoresses of Brent, Lewisham and Sutton, and the deputy mayor of Havering.

Constitutional Club

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, was the guest at a luncheon given yesterday by the political committee of the Constitutional Club. Mr Lawrence Wass, chairman of the political committee, assisted by Sir Donald Kaberry, MP, chairman of the club, and Mr G. S. Bache, vice-chairman.

High Sheriff of Greater London

Mr Mark Baring, High Sheriff of Greater London, gave the sheriff's luncheon at Thurloe Square yesterday. Among those present were:

The Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, the Common Serjeant, the High Sheriff of Kent, the Clerk to the Privy Council, and the Queen's Remembrancer.

British Council

Sir John Llewellyn, Director-General, British Council, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Spring Gardens on the occasion of the twenty-first meeting of the British-Netherlands Mixed Commission.

British Council

Dr P. A. I. Tabourdin, assistant director-general, British Council, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the Cavendish Hotel, in honour of M Oto Denes, vice-president, Federal Administration for Educational, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Affairs, Yugoslavia.

Junior Carlton Club

The political council of the Junior Carlton Club entertained Mr Ralph Bateman, President of the Confederation of British Industry, at luncheon yesterday. Mr Bryan Cassidy, chairman of the political council, presided.

Cable Trust Limited

The Governor, Mr A. F. Roger, and the court of directors of Cable Trust Limited gave a luncheon yesterday at Electra House. Those present were:

The Lord Mayor of London, Mr Sheriff Hugh Olson, Colonel Peter Ratcliffe, City Marshal, Judge Sir Carl Aarvold, Mr J. Dundas Hamilton, deputy chairman of the Stock Exchange, Mr H. H. T. Hudson, Chairman of Lloyd's, Mr Kenneth J. Sharp, President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales; Mr E. H. S. Singleton, President of the Law Society, Mr A. W. Anderson, Lieutenant-Colonel A. D. Balden, Mr C. H. Black, Mr J. P. Craze, the Hon E. D. G. Davies, Mr G. W. Fyfe, Sir Donald Perrott, Mr M. C. Stoddart, Mr H. J. Vennills and Mr W. J. N. Wawn.

United Newspapers Limited

The chairman and directors of United Newspapers gave a luncheon yesterday at the Savoy Hotel for business associates and friends. Sir William Barnetson welcomed the guests, and Mr Elliot Richardson, American Ambassador, replied.

Receptions

East European Trade Council

Lord Kearton, chairman, received the guests at a reception given by the East European Trade Council at Claridge's hotel last night in honour of Dr D. M. Gvishiani, Deputy Chairman, State Committee for Science and Technology, USSR. The Soviet Ambassador was among the guests.

London Jute Association

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies and the City Marshal, were the guests of honour at a reception given by the chairman, Mr R. Fleming, and members of the council of the London Jute Association at Guildhall yesterday evening to celebrate the association's centenary. The chairman and Mrs Fleming and the vice-chairman and Mrs A. W. Grech received the guests. Among those present were:

Mr Moslemuddin Khan, Minister of State for Jute, Bangladesh, the High Commissioner for Bangladesh and Begum Sultan, the Ambassador for Thailand and Khunying Dootsdi Suphamongkhon, Mr S. A. Khayer, Mr M. A. Syed, Mr Sanaul Huq, Dr and Mrs R. M. Honavar (India High Commission), Mr Bhanu Prasad Thapliya, Nepalese Embassy, and Mr Thein Nyunt and U Khin Maung Than (Burma).

Dinners

British Cardiac Society

The annual dinner of the British Cardiac Society (president: Professor J. F. Goodwin) was held at the University of Manchester on April 17. Dr A. Morgan Jones was in the chair.

Sion College

Sion College held a dinner last night at the college. The president, the Rev Alan Cook, and the court entertained the Bishops of London and of Stepney, Viscount Dilhorne, Sir Ronald Harris, Sir Norman Anderson, QC, Sir Leslie Bowes, Sir Stanley Morton, the Dean of Westminster, the Master of the Temple, the Dean of King's College London, the Archdeacons of London and of Hackney, and the Chaplain-General.

Service dinner

Essex Yeomanry

Members of the Essex Yeomanry Officers' Dining Club attended their annual dinner at the Cavalry Club last night. Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Chelmer presided, and Major-General D. J. St M. Tabor was the guest of honour.

Archaeology report

Iran: Median fire temples

The fourth season of excavations carried out last year by the British Institute of Persian Studies at the important Median ceremonial site of Tepe Nush-i Jan, in western Iran, resulted in the discovery of a second fire temple and a subterranean passage, probably for obtaining water, and the deliberate infilling of the major structures before the abandonment of the site is seen as evidence for Mesopotamian influence.

The site lies on a rocky outcrop near Malayer, in the region of Hamadan, and was discovered in 1965 by Mr David Stronach, who has directed the excavations since they began in 1967. The work last year was sponsored by the institute, the British Academy, the British Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, and was carried out in cooperation with the Iranian Archaeological Service.

During the previous seasons, which have been reported by Mr Stronach in Iran, it was established that four major structures lay across the summit of the mound from east to west, dubbed the Fort, the Central Temple, the Columned Hall and the Old Western Building. The final occupation of the site was found to consist of a Parthian settlement of the first century BC, below which lay the Median buildings dating from 750-600 BC. The site was abandoned after substantial areas had been blocked with mud-brick and shale fill, for reasons yet unknown.

In 1974 the Parthian settlement at the western end of the site was excavated and removed: it consisted of a central corridor running uphill from west to east, flanked by rows of rectangular rooms of varying size, many with benches, storage bins, ovens and fireplaces set against the walls. The walls themselves were often reused Median structures, or formed in their lower part by terraces cut into the slope. The pottery from the settlement is comparable with that from Kangavagar, where it is associated with coins of Orodes II, 57-37 BC.

The last of the deliberate shale fill was removed from the Central Temple, a building of stepped-cruciform plan. The fill was more than six metres deep, and Mr Stronach has argued a possibly Neo-Babylonian and definitely Mesopotamian inspiration for this building rite, which has documented parallels in the reigns of the Neo-Babylonian rulers Nebuchadnezzar II, 605-562 BC, and Nabonidus, 556-539 BC.

The work at Tepe Nush-i Jan must have been carried out in the very late seventh or early sixth century BC, in the reign of the Median king Cyaxares or his son and successor, Astyages, 585-550 BC, who must have decided to rebuild the mid-eighth-century BC religious complex.

In the Columned Hall, a large building some 20 by 15 metres with four rows of three internal columns, the final Median "squatter" occupation level was exposed, perhaps evidence of the work force engaged on the blocking of the Central Temple and other structures, who had converted the building into a number of small dwellings with ovens, hearths and storage bins.

Investigation of the original state of the hall showed that the wooden columns stood on large stones set into the mud-brick floor, their bases enclosed by a low mud-brick circular surround a metre in diameter. Later repairs included some square surrounds and the placing of some columns on raised mud-brick platforms.

The excavation of a pit within the hall led to the discovery of a probably earlier tunnel, cut into the bedrock and running down at an angle of 30 degrees. The first 18 metres were empty, but beyond that the tunnel, which was probably to give access to a well or cistern, was filled with mud; it is hoped that this may have preserved organic matter, including evidence of subsistence.

Many pottery vessels from the "squatter" occupation were found where they had been left on the floors; they included large basins, small jars and bowls, and pithoi. Among the small finds was a bone pyxis and lid decorated with incised circles in a triangular pattern.

Excavation of the Old Western Building at the western end of the mound showed that its floor lay 1.8 metres below that of the Columned Hall, so that the original entrance had been blocked by the brick foundation platform of the hall, and a secondary entrance had to be cut giving on to the spiral ramp in the north-eastern corner.

The main room was preserved to a height of 4.5 metres, and the walls were decorated internally with niches with semicircular and pointed heads. Towards the southern end of the room the remains of what is thought to have been a fire altar were found, identifying the building as another temple.

Several features are common to this Western Temple, as it has now been renamed, and the Central Temple, including the entrance through a small room into an anteroom off which lies a spiral ramp giving access to an upper floor. In the sanctuary the altar is placed to the left of the entrance and is not visible from the antechamber.

The different orientations, the Western Temple being entered from the east and the Central Temple from the south, and the differences in shape of the sanctuary may point to the worship of two separate deities, Mr Stronach suggests. He estimates that investigation of the entrances to the two temples and the uncovering of the fortification walls which surround the site will take at least another two seasons of excavation.

By Norman Hammond
Archaeological Correspondent

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Eton College

The Summer Half at Eton College begins today with 24 new boys. The total in the school is 1,225. G. A. M. Leggatt, KS, is captain of the school, and N. M. Berwin OS captain of the Oppidans. The sixth-form classics conference will be held on May 7. Four performances of The Caretaker, by Harold Pinter, will be given in the Farrer Theatre on May 26, 27, 28, and 29. The Corps tattoo will be on the evening of May 30, and the Fourth of June will be celebrated on May 31, which is also the beginning of long leave, which ends on June 4. The Winchester match will be played at Winchester on June 20 and 21, and the Harrow match at Lord's on July 12 and 13. The half ends on July 11.

Harrow School

The Summer Term begins today. There are 734 boys in the school. J. R. L. Taylor (Elmfield) is Head of the School, and M. K. Fosh (The Head Master's) is Captain of Cricket.

The School for Scandal will be performed in Speech Room on May 23 and 24. Governors' Speech Day will be on May 29 and Speech Day on June 5. The half-term exeat will last from June 5 to June 10. Association Day will be on July 5, and term will end on July 12. The Eton v Harrow match will take place at Lord's on July 12 and 13.

St James's School

The Summer Term started yesterday. There are 216 girls in the school. Lucinda Smith continues as head girl. A memorial service to Miss Mary Anstruther, formerly headmistress, will be held in Anstruther Hall at 2 pm, on Old Girls' Day, Saturday, May 17. Half term is from May 23 to 27. Commemoration and end of term will be on Tuesday, July 8.

Music prize shared

Mr John Pritchard, the conductor, has chosen Mr Michael Freeman, aged 25, an Irish-born student of composition at Liverpool, to take up a scholarship that is part of the Shakespeare Prize awarded to Mr Pritchard by the German FVS Foundation, to be presented in Hamburg on June 5.

Miss Patricia Hodgson, a television producer and journalist, who has been elected the first woman chairman of the Conservative Bow Group.

Film institute needs to practise strict economies

By Our Arts Reporter

The British Film Institute is to receive a grant from the Government of £1,969,000 for 1975-76, £432,000 more than last year, but still far short of what the institute estimates it needs fully to maintain its levels of activity.

"Stringent economies in all areas will be necessary", the institute said yesterday.

The institute had received assurances after discussions with the minister responsible for the arts that difficulties arising out of its obligations under the Companies Acts regarding £157,000 committed but not yet spent from last year's grant would be resolved before the end of the financial year.

Buckingham Palace luncheon party

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh yesterday held a luncheon party at Windsor Castle at which Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was present. The guests were:

Miss Beryl Grey (artistic director, Festival Ballet), Mr Alan Ayckbourn (playwright), Lord Catto (director, Morgan, Grenfell and Co), Mr Michael Denness (cricketer), Sergeant Jeremy Fox (former national pentathlon champion), Mr Arthur Lowe, Sir Alexander Ross (chairman, British Commonwealth Games Federation), and Mr David Sanders (president, Ship and Boat Builders National Federation).

Church news

The Rev J. Waine, Rector of Kirkby, diocese of Liverpool, has been appointed Bishop Suffragan of Stafford in succession to the Right Rev R. G. Clitherow, who resigned in September.

Other appointments:

Canon J. Brown, formerly Rector of St Helen's, Thurnscoe, and Rural Dean of Wath, diocese of Sheffield, to be canon emeritus of Sheffield Cathedral.

The Ven Hayman Johnson, Archdeacon of Sheffield, to be also a canon residentiary of Sheffield Cathedral.

The Very Rev C. A. Shaw, Dean of Bulawayo, diocese of Matabeleland, to be a canon residentiary and prebendary of Hereford Cathedral.

The Rev J. M. Allen, curate of St Giles's, Shrewsbury, diocese of Lichfield, to be Vicar of Hengoed with Gobowen, same diocese.

The Rev W. Annakin, Vicar of Wigtoft, diocese of Lincoln, to be also priest-in-charge of Kirton Holme, same diocese.

The Rev C. R. Blamire-Brown, Rector of Tewin, Welwyn, and Rural Dean of Hatfield, diocese of St Albans, to be Vicar of Chipperfield, King's Langley, same diocese.

The Rev W. P. Farnham, assistant Chaplain to Littlemore and Isis Group of Hospitals, diocese of Oxford, to be a vicar in the Cawston group of Parishes and priest-in-charge of Cawston, Felthorpe and Haveringland, diocese of Norwich.

OBITUARY

SIR JACK WESTRUP

A fine musical scholar

Sir Jack Allan Westrup, a leading figure in British academic musical life over three decades, died at Headley, Hampshire, on Monday, aged 70.

He was educated at Dulwich College and Balliol College, of which he was Nettleship Scholar from 1922 to 1925. He was still at Oxford when his name came to the notice of the musical world through his notable productions of Monteverdi operas, Orfeo (1925) and L'Incoronazione di Poppea (1927) with the Opera Club. In 1928 he returned to Dulwich College, where for six years he taught classics and played a prominent part in the school's musical life before going to The Daily Telegraph, where he served as music critic from 1934 to 1940; during this period he was engaged in intensive research into the life and music of Purcell, which bore fruit in his masterly study of the composer (1937).

He lectured at the Royal Academy of Music from 1938 to 1940, was editor of Monthly Musical Record from 1933 to 1945. A selection from his penetrating, pungent editorials and newspaper essays was reprinted in 1940 under the title Sharps and Flats.

Westrup entered the university world in 1941 as Lecturer in Music at King's College, Newcastle upon Tyne. Within six years he attained what he later avowed to have been his life's ambition. He left Newcastle in 1944, to become Peyton and Barber Professor of Music at Birmingham, and in 1946 was elected to the Heather Professorship at Oxford.

Although a Faculty of Music was instituted at Oxford in 1944, the Honours School was not established until 1950. The syllabus for the Preliminary and Final examinations which included papers on general musical history, a special period and set books in a foreign language as well as harmony and counter-point, was intended to give an education similar to that of the other arts faculties. The preparation of the Statutes for the Honours School, against some opposition, was largely inspired by Westrup.

During his professorship the Faculty's premises in Holywell doubled in size and the library became one of the finest of its kind. He was responsible for the restoration of the Holywell Music Room to its original design.

Besides the academic side of musical study, Westrup was always an ardent believer in the educational value of music making. He conducted the Oxford University Orchestra, as well as the Oxford Bach Choir and Orchestral Society, and as musical director of the University Opera Club he was responsible for a long sequence of successful productions, including such rare works as Les troyens (1950), Hans Heiling (1955) and Scarlatti's Mitridate Eupatore (1962). He translated many of them himself. Westrupp's devotion to the classics did not lead him to neglect modern composers: in 1951 he staged Welles's Incognita, and he directed the first English stage performance of Oedipus Rex.

In addition to this full life within the Faculty of Music, Westrup got through a prodigious amount of other work. He was continually asked to g lectures. A course delivered Cape Town University appea as the main part of An Introc tion to Musical History (19. In 1952 he published a skilfu revised edition of Ern Walker's History of Music England, and in 1969 a sim revision of E. H. Fellow English Cathedral Music. collaborated with Frank H rison in the Collins Mu Encyclopedia (1959).

From 1958 to 1963 he President of the Royal Mus Association, from 1964 to 1 President of the Royal Coll of Organists. From 1959 edited Music & Letters, contributed to it editorials a large number of reviews, the same year he took over editorship of the Master M cians series. In 1971 he made master of the Worshij Company of Musicians.

He was concerned in virtu every scholarly musical en prise in Britain, including New Oxford History of Mu (to which he contributed a tinguished chapter on "M aeval Song", and was editor the forthcoming sixth volun Musica Britannica, Early E lish Church Music, the Pur Society (as chairman) and History of Music in Sound. number of important articles the fifth edition of Grove in Die Musik in Geschichte Gegenwart bear his name. contributed a continual stre of essays to symposia, journ Festschriften and Congress ports. He organized, more less single-handed, the Oxf Congress of the Internatio Musicological Society in 1 He was knighted in 1961.

Westrup was one of the fin musical scholars of his day. learning was wide as well deep, with an especial devot to the music of the seventeen century; his book on Purcell classic of its kind, represe only one side of his knowled Another is found in his brilli short study of Monteverdi, c tributed to volume 3 of T Heritage of Music.

It is regrettable that ap from Purcell and his contri tions to the New Oxford Hist of Music Westrup publisl nothing substantial that did j justice to his eminence a capacity as a scholar, and p ticularly that his extens study on music and soci under the Stuarts, which he garded as his lifetime's wo remained unfinished.

In manner he tended to dry and reserved, especia with those whom he did know well: as a lecturer, was polished and erudite, rath than inspiring; it was as public speaker that his sardo. wit and his gift for quick cl thinking were most happily e ployed. He was always i patient of any kind of prete tion or muddled thinking. typified the pragmatic, commo sense English approach to mu cal scholarship, with a firm e phasis on practical music ma ing.

Westrup's published compo tions were not numero mostly for voices, and in th smaller forms.

He married in 1938 Solw Maria, younger daughter Musikdirektor Johan Rosall, Linköping, Sweden, by who he had a daughter and thr sons.

RICHARD RUDOLF WALZER

Richard Rudolf Walzer, the distinguished classical and Arabic scholar, has died aged 74. He was educated at one of Berlin's Realgymnasia and read Classics in Berlin University where he became an Assistant (1927) and a Privatdozent (1932). In this university, still influenced by such men as Wilamowitz and Diels, he came under the direct inspiration and teaching of Werner Jaeger, who suggested and supervised his dissertation on the development of Aristotle's moral philosophy (published as Magna Moralis und aristotelische Ethik, Berlin, 1929).

He was thus initiated to the methods of classical scholarship and an interest in historical development of philosophical thinking, which he then applied—almost alone, and in a way probably unequalled among the scholars of his generation—to oriental and particularly Arabic studies.

His interest in Semitic culture was first directed to biblical Hebrew, but in 1932 he came into contact, in Munich and Istanbul, with the great arabists Bergsträsser and Ritter. From Bergsträsser he took the suggestion to study the survival of Galen's thought and works in the Arabic world. The results of this suggestion came much later (Galen on Medical Experience, Oxford 1944; Galen on Jews and Christians, Oxford 1949; Galeni Compendium Timaei Platonis, London 1951).

Ritter introduced him to many unknown treasures of the libraries in the mosques of Constantinople (where Walzer was particularly concerned with Arabic translations of Aristotle), and began collaborating with him in studies on Alkindi.

In 1933 Walzer was forced to leave Germany, and took refuge in Italy. He soon started lecturing in the University of Rome, where he carried on his studies in the two fields of Greek and Arabic philosophy, coming in touch with greatest Italian scholars, P quali on one side and M. Gu on the other. Editions Heraclitus's and Aristot fragments, and two papers Alkindi saw the light in It before that country became inhospitable as Germany.

Walzer moved then, in 1 to Oxford, where the g Aristotelian tradition was alive, and where other pe cuted scholars were carrying the traditions of Berlin scho ship. It was in Oxford that r of Walzer's research was car to completion: new contr tions on several points of Aristotelian tradition and of original doctrines of Ara philosophers accompanied followed the publication of volumes on Galen and of able, concise surveys of the vival of the Greek classic Islam as well as summarie the development of A philosophy.

As the, by now, establi authority in these fields, zer held, from 1945 onw a lectureship and readersh Greek, Hebrew and A philosophy in the Universi Oxford, was made a Fello the British Academy in and a Fellow of St Cathe College in 1961.

The new Germany rew him with an honorary prof ship in Hamburg and a fe ship of the Mainz Academy most important writings Graeco-Arabic philosophy collected by him in the volume of "Oriental Stu under the title Greek Arabic: Essays on Is Philosophy (Oxford 1962).

He married in Berlin, M Sofie, a daughter of the lisher Bruno Cassirer. Oxford home has been fo a quarter of a century a ing place for classicists orientalists of the whole By them the young C students were put in touc the most eminent schol the older generation.

Denis Walwin Jones, MC, who died suddenly on April 21 after a heart attack in London, was a journalist on a number of London and provincial papers.

He edited for 20 years the European Review and was editor of the annual, Byron Journal. He worked in the European movement from 1960 to 1970 as Director General as well as Secretary General of the European League for Economic Cooperation in Britain.

Lieutenant-General Fra Franco Salgado-Araujo, w a cousin of Spanish h state. General Francisco F has died at the age of 84.

General Salgado serv Franco's private and m secretary for 30 years a his aide during the S Civil War.

Lady Harington, widow Charles Harington, KBE has died aged 77. She was McCririe, daughter of t Charles Harington.

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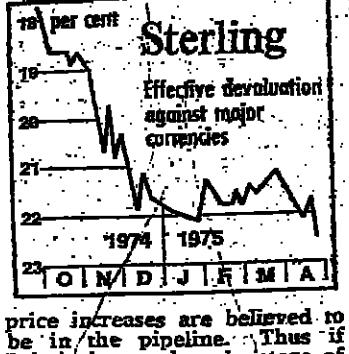

price increases are believed to be in the pipeline. Thus if Britain is to take advantage of any upturn in world trade at the end of this year, some further reduction in the exchange rate seems necessary.

In his Budget statement last week the Chancellor spoke of the need to shape Britain's economic strategy to permit the country to catch the upswing in world economic activity in its early stages.

At the same time, a fall in the exchange rate now might also be interpreted as a disguised form of reflation, as lower export prices would increase industrial activity and generate jobs.

However, whether this would outweigh the disadvantages that would result from higher import costs, and therefore fresh inflationary pressures on domestic prices, would have to be carefully considered by the Chancellor.

Two other factors which were also undermining the pound yesterday were the recent cuts in British interest rates which have made sterling yields in London less attractive.

Brokers' prediction: A run on sterling is predicted in the latest Monetary Bulletin published by W. Greenwell & Co, the stockbroker. The large public sector financial deficit must lead, the brokers believe, to an increase in the balance of payments current account deficit, although they caution "that the relationship will be weaker this time than in the past".

The bulletin also forecasts an end to the corporate sector liquidity squeeze and expects companies to send funds abroad. Such an outflow of private sector capital, it suggests, "would add to pressure on sterling".

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NatWest's move came in an attempt to stimulate personal spending. Although the banks have been under government constraint to lend to industry, they have been left with large funds through lack of demand from industrial sectors.

Mr Alex Dibbs, NatWest chief executive, hoped the cuts would "assist personal borrowers" and "encourage investment" by business and agricultural customers.

Sir John Prideaux said at the bank's annual meeting yesterday that in last week's Budget the Chancellor "showed determination to face up to the realities of the country's economic situation". In the face of excessive wage claims there had been little alternative but to impose heavier taxation to reduce consumption.

Sir John also gave a warning against withdrawal from the EEC. He said: "Although continued membership may not be a panacea for our ills, withdrawal now could only weaken Britain industrially, commercially and financially."

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1974 started with the three day week, was followed by Phase 3 of wage restrictions which had a peculiarly unfortunate consequence on the Company's ability to attract labour, and ended with a fall in the price of copper perhaps unprecedented in the history of this metal.

Whilst the Company had a full order book the above factors frustrated the Directors hopes for a record year.

In spite of heavy capital expenditure over the last two years the Company ended 1974 with a strong balance sheet. The Company had no overdraft, a very small amount of loan capital and significant sums still available by way of investments, short term deposits and overdraft facilities not so far utilised.

The Company is presently suffering a marked decline in its two principal markets, the United Kingdom and the United States, and is on a reduced working week. Part of the decline in demand, and possibly a large part, is due to destocking. Business is expected to improve in the second half of the year, but the Company cannot hope to sell in 1975 the quantities which would enable it to utilise its capacity to the full.

Share surge continues, but gilts unsettled

By Our Financial Staff

Share prices rose strongly yesterday on the London stock market, but gilt-edged securities remained unsettled by the weakness of the pound in the foreign exchange centres. The trend towards lower interest rates, together with the TUC's renewed pledge of support for the social contract kept equities moving up.

Shortage of stock was again a key factor. With sellers still few, the day's recorded bargains total of 10,249 indicates the strength of buying interest. The FT index closed 17.9 points higher at 355.5.

Indications that the banks are heavy with cash was reflected in buying orders from the small private investor, but the institutions were also active.

Equities have looked for an improvement in industry prospects since the Budget, and were not discouraged yesterday by bearish announcements from ICI and Unilever.

Oil shares continued to surge up, and most other sections of the industrial market were active. Hints that big investors are buying good class property brought further demand for property shares.

Falling bullion prices failed to upset gold shares which responded strongly to a further boost in the investment dollar premium.

Sterling's weakness worried the gilt-edged market. After a firm opening which had brought gains throughout the list prices slipped back. Eventually only "mediums" stood higher on the day.

Both "shorts" and "longs" tended to end up lower by about ½ point. News of reductions in Lloyds and Williams & Glyn base rates were unable to offset the decline in the pound.

Decision day on building society rates

By Margaret Stone

Building society leaders are meeting today to decide the future level of interest rates for the movement after the Budget and the recent round of cuts in bank base rates.

It is widely expected that the investment rate, fixed at 7.5 per cent in September 1973, will be reduced to 7 per cent. There is little likelihood however of a cut in the mortgage rate, currently 11 per cent.

With a record inflow of funds since the beginning of the year and the elimination of competition from the banks after the reduction in their deposit rates, the building societies would have probably trimmed their investment rate earlier had it not been for fears, which materialized, that the Budget could lead to changes in the basic rate of income tax.

The new 35 per cent basic rate tax will mean a big increase in the composite rate of tax, the tax paid by societies on behalf of investors. Last year it was 26.25 per cent; this year it is estimated to be in the region of 29 per cent.

With a composite rate of tax of 29 per cent, a ½ per cent cut in the investment rate is needed merely for the societies to break even. A ½ per cent reduction to 7 per cent will restore margins to a more acceptable level of around 0.4p per £100 but leave little to spare for a mortgage rate cut.

Investment dollar premium tops 100 pc

The investment dollar premium, the premium which investors must pay to acquire dollars for investment abroad, breached the 100 per cent mark for the first time yesterday. After a rapid rise in recent days, it climbed from 98 per cent to close at 100½ per cent.

In one sense, however, the rise is artificial. The premium is fixed on the basis of an exchange rate of $2.60 to the £1 and with the pound falling steadily to $2.35½ the effective rate for the premium is 81 per cent, a level seen briefly last month.

The Bank of England has issued a cautionary reminder to authorized depositories giving them a warning against the danger of ordinary foreign currency cheques being sold as though they were inclusive of the premium. It is believed some instances of this have been identified recently.

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Kuwait awards $28m contracts

Kuwait, April 22.—Chicago Bridge and Ironworks has been awarded a $20m (about £8m) contract to provide refrigerated tanks with capacities ranging from 100,000 to 500,000 barrels for a liquefied gas project here.

The West German firm of Steinmuller-Lentjes was also awarded an $8m contract to build boilers for the project.

The Kuwait gas utilization project is expected to be completed in 1978 to feed a proposed petrochemical complex at Shueiba

State ready to discuss future of Ferranti

By Malcolm Brown

The Government is believed to be ready to put proposals to Ferranti about its future. Yesterday, Sir Don Ryder, the Government's chief industrial adviser held a meeting with senior Ferranti officials including Mr Sebastian and Mr Basil de Ferranti, the joint majority shareholders.

It is understood that he will probably put a plan before them within the next few days. A meeting of Ferranti, unions and the Government is being arranged for early next month.

Details of the deal which will be offered to Ferranti is not known. In some quarters it is felt that the Government may have in mind a stake considerably in excess of the one third of the equity which was considered likely last year in the weeks after the group's cash shortage first became known.

Even a one-third stake, accomplished by the creation of new shares to be taken up by the Government, would effectively take control out of the hands of the Ferranti brothers.

Mr Benn wants City cash

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decisions on industry should be made public and discussed with the TUC, the CBI, and other national organizations representing industrial interests.

"We argue that the spiral of inflation and industrial collapse must be broken by a return to full employment, massive investment, and systematic support for companies in trouble", Mr Benn and his colleagues say. In a time of deflation and unemployment, the market economy could not shift resources into industrial expansion.

The Labour movement must adopt a strategy that would meet the needs of working people by securing an extension of public ownership, industrial democracy in the organization of work, and [illegible] investment. The party should reach agreement on the industrial strategy it wanted to see implemented by the Government.

Last night, Mr Benn's paper, calling as it does for a huge rise in manufacturing investment and job protection, was seen as the inevitable outcome of his recent appointment to chairmanship of the Labour Party's home policy committee.

He is determined to use the party's policy-making machine to influence the Government's policies. Some politicians may see some implied criticism for the Chancellor, although it was pointed out that the Government had taken at least one initiative to secure more funds for industry by persuading institutions voluntarily to put money through Finance for Industry.

Italian credit move

Signor Emilio Colombo, the Italian Treasury Minister, said yesterday that the government intended to expand credit access gradually. This follows Friday's Italian prime lending rate cut to 15 per cent from 17.25 per cent.

Sandi bond issue

The Asian Development Bank has signed an agreement with the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency for an eight-year bond issue in Saudi Arabia of 50m riyals (about £6.1m). This is the bank's second bond issue in the mid-east oil exporting nations. The first was a Kuwaiti dinar issue of $16.9m in April last year.

Government statement tomorrow on Ryder report on Leyland

By Our Industrial Editor

An official government statement will be made tomorrow outlining the principal findings of the Ryder Committee on the future of British Leyland. Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, who is to give the summary, will reserve the Government's position pending reactions from the company's top management and unions.

The report, which was received from Sir Don Ryder's five-man advisory committee on Maundy Thursday, has apparently been put before a Cabinet sub-committee, which is coordinating the views of the Departments of Industry and Employment and the Treasury.

Yesterday there was a hostile reaction from Whitehall to increased speculation that there have been serious differences within the Cabinet on Sir Don's trenchant report and the Government's policy for assisting Britain's chief exporting company in the light of its recommendations.

Mr Benn hopes to end speculation with tomorrow's statement, which will stress the Government has taken no decisions in advance of consultations with either the British Leyland management or the unions.

The Treasury is known to have reservations about any support operation utilizing public funds in an open-ended way. The Government's difficulty is that some further temporary help has to be given by way of new financial guarantees to bankers pending the enactment of the Industry Bill, creating the National Enterprise Board.

The Ryder report apparently provides the Government and the Treasury in particular with plenty of ammunition for imposing the most stringent conditions on any aid granted, pending fundamental reconstruction of the motor manufacturing group.

How large an equity stake should be taken in British Leyland seems unresolved. Mr Benn's view is that this must be a controlling holding, though Treasury opinion seems to be that, at this stage, this would involve tricky questions of valuation of shareholdings—a matter that might usefully be postponed while investment needs, management changes and other structural issues are sorted out.

The Treasury, which has certain powers of consent over industrial aid given by Whitehall, is already under pressure to contrain public expenditure, and can see its contingency reserves, already earmarked for setting up the NEB and dealing with other industrial policies, being put at risk by an over ambitious programme of support for British Leyland.

Any behind-the-scenes dispute seems to centre not so much on the need to inject funds into the group but on the timing and methods.

Growth of US inflation slows to two-year low

From Frank Vogl
Washington, April 22

American consumer prices rose by only 0.3 per cent last month to take the annual inflation rate on a seasonally adjusted basis for the last three months to just 6.6 per cent—the lowest level seen since a comparable 5.5 per cent was recorded in July, 1973.

The Department of Labour reported today that the March increase, after a rise of 0.6 per cent in February, was due entirely to increases in industrial commodities, while food prices last month fell by 0.5 per cent, the sharpest monthly decline in almost eight years.

Unadjusted March figures show an 0.4 per cent rise in the consumer price index to 10.3 per cent above the level a year ago at 157.8 (1967 equals 100).

The Department of Labour particularly attributed the better price figures to substantial supermarket meat price reductions and some notable declines in mortgage rates.

The Department also reported today that average weekly earnings of employees in the United States fell by 0.4 per cent in March, largely because of shorter average working weeks.

President Ford said in a television interview last night that he is confident the economy would move into real growth in the second half of the year.

His view widely reflects the opinions of government officials, who maintain that the decline in inflation growth will increase consumer confidence and combine with the tax cuts and rebates to stimulate consumer spending in the months ahead.

A critical problem, however, remains the possibility of the Federal Reserve having substantially to expand the money supply, producing new inflationary dangers, in order to ensure that the Treasury manages to finance the huge budget deficits of the current and coming years.

In addition, there is a growing belief among economists that 1976 being an election year the Fed will come under political pressure to ease significantly its money policies and ensure low interest rate levels.

It was with this point in mind that the President last night stated that the Fed had to remain an autonomous entity and that "the minute we turn the central bank into a political tool our credibility for responsible monetary policy goes down [illegible]".

Latest figures for durable goods orders, showing a 3.6 per cent fall in March, reflecting the sixth straight monthly decline, underline the fact that the recession is far from over. More than any other single factor, the recession is dampening inflation.

Break-up of oil producers' cartel forecast

Tokyo, April 22.—Professor Milton Friedman, the American economist, forecast here today that the cartel of oil-producing nations was on the verge of breaking up. Oil was likely to become cheaper in real terms than it was before the 1973 oil crisis.

In a lecture he said it was a great mistake to suppose the world was faced with a major energy crisis. Worldwide cuts in power consumption and growing supplies of alternative energy sources meant that if the producers wanted to maintain their prices they must cut production.

The rate of inflation would probably continue to fall this year and remain steady at 4 per cent to 6 per cent in 1976, which was likely to be a very good year for the United States economy, with unemployment falling and production on the increase, Professor Friedman said.

But by 1977, the effects of this year's shift to expansionary monetary policies would come home to roost, he added.

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Taxes charges push Grindlays' losses to £10m

By Our Banking Correspondent

Tax charges have pushed up the losses incurred by Grindlays Bank as a result of loss provisions at its merchant bank subsidiary, Brandts, to a fraction below £10m.

Before tax but after all provisions the loss has emerged at £6.64m—much as foreshadowed earlier this month when the bank first revealed its difficulties. The group has been unable to offset the losses incurred in the United Kingdom against profits earned elsewhere, but it is able to carry forward unrelieved losses of £11.6m in Brandts to be used to relieve future profits in the United Kingdom.

In the first quarter of this year Grindlays has made profits of more than £4m compared with just under £2m in the first quarter of last year.

The bank has now officially confirmed that it is in consultation with its banking shareholders, Lloyds Bank and First National City Bank, about the appropriate increase of capital in Grindlays. A statement is to be made before the annual meeting at the end of May.

Joint plan by CBI and trade body

A high-level liaison committee to guide the Confederation of British Industry and the Association of British Chambers of Commerce on collaboration in national issues is to be set up.

But it was stressed yesterday when the move was announced that the plans are not a merger of the two bodies as had been suggested three years ago by the Devlin Commission on industrial and commercial representation.

The committee, which will include the presidents and directors-general of the two organizations, would consider national issues in those areas where is was thought the two could combine to make an important impact, it was stated by the confederation.

Another main area of cooperation which has been agreed on by the councils of the CBI and the ABCC is Europe. Mr Ralph Bateman, the CBI president and the Earl of Limerick, president of the ABCC, both said yesterday that they thought this could be one of the principal areas

Joint report on Herbert group delivered

It was confirmed by the Department of Industry yesterday that the joint report from union representatives and management at the troubled Alfred Herbert machine tool group setting out a proposed corporate plan had been received.

The plan, which according to one report calls for £17m state aid and the loss of 900 jobs, now has to be considered by the tripartite group set up to decide the future of the company. It will be studied together with the draft working document prepared last month by City accountants, Peat Marwick Mitchell.

The loss-making company is being supported by government guarantees. Yesterday's report said the plan saw the company making profits of up to £20m by 1978-79 if state aid was forthcoming.

Herbert declined to comment on the plan yesterday or on suggestions that the proposed loss of 900 jobs had caused a rift between management and unions.

ICI intends to raise $100m on US market

By Margaret Drummond

Imperial Chemical Industries is planning to raise $100m (£42m) in the United States through a public offer of debenture stock in its wholly-owned subsidiary ICI North America Inc.

This unusual move was disclosed yesterday when the group filed a registration statement with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as a necessary preliminary to any public issue.

It was accompanied by a forecast of lower group profits for the current year. ICI's shares gained 15p to 258p yesterday.

A United States public offer by a British company is a rare event, and ICI's decision appears to have been prompted by a good response to a number of recent offerings from European institutions and the difficulties of obtaining very long-term finance—in this case 20 years—on anything resembling favourable terms.

The offer, to which Goldman Sachs and Smith Barney & Co are lead managers, looks assured of a good reception. Moodies, the United States agency, has given it a triple A rating, the highest possible, while the more influential Standard & Poors has accorded it a double A

The coupon has not yet been fixed, since SEC procedures could take up to six weeks but estimates yesterday averaged 9 per cent. A spokesman for ICI indicated that the group wished to take more advantage of its international position in raising capital. It had already made small offers or placings in Europe to finance local expansion.

Removal of the interest equalization tax in the United States just over a year ago now gave the group access to the cheaper sources of finances currently available there.

ICI's move is hardly likely to be emulated by a large number of British companies. Despite the recent trend, prompted by currency upheavals, for overseas subsidiaries to raise finance locally, and the attractions of lower United States interest rates, most United Kingdom companies are not considered to be of sufficient stature for a successful public offer. And the rigorous.

The group's registration statement referred to the "depressed level of economic activity and the high level of inflation" that had continued to affect certain group activities.

Group income for the first quarter of 1975 would be lower than for the final three months of 1974. Fibres, plastics and petrochemicals had been particularly badly affected but profit from agricultural chemicals, general chemicals and pharmaceuticals had been maintained.

German ruling on Veba offshoot

Bonn, April 22.—The German monopolies commission recommended today that the Veba-Gelsenberg group split off its Preussen-Elektra AG electricity-producing subsidiary.

The commission, an independent advisory body, said continued membership of Preussen-Elektra in the Veba-Gelsenberg group, which has heavy petroleum interests, could slow the substitution of other energy sources for oil. The economics ministry said it would study the commission's report.—AP-Dow Jones.

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How the markets moved

Rises

Barclays Bk	15p to 290p	Imp Chem Ind	15p to 258p
Beecham Grp	17p to 266p	Lloyds Bk	10p to 235p
Boots	17p to 249p	Lion Int	8p to 42p
BP	27½p to 437½p	MEPC	20p to 262p
Distillers	7p to 141p	Royal	27p to 313p
EMI	14p to 150p	Shell	27p to 292p
Hammerson	55p to 470p	Town & Com	5½p to 53p

Falls

Audiotronic	3p to 29p	Lloyds & Scot	3p to 77p
Burmah Oil	3½p to 30½p	Ldn Tin	2p to 135p
BLMC	1p to 7½p	Metals Explor	2p to 28p
City & Grace	3p to 23p	Monk, A.	2p to 38p
Cons Plant	2p to 61p	Office & Elect	2p to 55p
Drake Cubitt	1p to 16p	Whessoe	2p to 51p
Judge Int	2p to 38p	Wilm Ind	1½p to 20p

Sterling fell by 70 points to $2.3550. The "effective devaluation" rate was 22.5 per cent.
Gold rose by 25 cents to $165.75 an oz.
SDR-$ was 1.23096 on Monday, while SDR-£ was 0.523873.
Commodities: Cocoa recouped some of Monday's losses with rises of up to £19 a tonne. Reuters' index rose by 3.7 points yesterday to 1,099.6.
Equities rose strongly.
Gilt-edged securities were unsettled.

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.82	1.77
Austria Sch	41.25	39.25
Belgium Fr	87.25	84.50
Canada $	2.43	2.38
Denmark Kr	13.30	12.90
Finland Mkk	8.65	8.40
France Fr	10.10	9.80
Germany DM	5.75	5.55
Greece Dr	71.25	69.00
Hongkong $	11.80	11.45
Italy Lr	1540.00	1490.00
Japan Yn	715.00	690.00
Netherlands Gld	5.85	5.65
Norway Kr	12.03	11.70
Portugal Esc	58.75	56.75
S Africa Rd	1.81	1.75
Spain Pes	134.00	129.00
Sweden Kr	9.60	9.30
Switzerland Fr	6.15	5.95
US $	2.40	2.35
Yugoslavia Dnr	41.00	38.75

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Midland Bank

Cutback of 500 jobs sought in Rover plant

By Clifford Webb

Shop stewards at British Leyland's Rover car plant were told yesterday that they must accept another 500 redundancies or start three-day working. The company has already called for 250 voluntary redundancies at the Solihull plant. So far only 150 applications have been received.

Two months ago production of Rover cars was reduced from 930 a week to 630 and some workers were transferred to Land Rover or Range Rover production. Demand for these models is still buoyant and is not being met despite overtime.

On the other hand, sales of Rover saloons have continued to fall despite a big advertising campaign emphasizing the low depreciation of Rover 2000 and 3500 saloons. Shop stewards said yesterday that the company now plans to reduce output still further to around 450 a week.

The unions are understood to favour short-time working and are pressing management to call in outside contract work.

This makes a total of nearly 6,000 voluntary redundancies under way at Austin Morris Longbridge, Jaguar Coventry, Transmissions, Birmingham, Coventry engines and SU Carburetters, Birmingham.

Union conveners from Ford, Vauxhall and Chrysler have been invited to meet British Leyland's unofficial combined shop stewards committee in Birmingham today to thrash out a united policy on redundancies. Principal component manufacturers including Lucas and Dunlop are expected to send delegates.

The meeting is expected to issue a warning that enforced redundancies will be answered by militant action including sit-ins.

Mr Eddie McGarry, joint chairman of the combined shop stewards, said last night: "We are prepared to recognize the difficulties of the motor manufacturers, but not to accept their solutions slavishly."

New Cowley threat: Cowley car factories face another complete break in production on May 2 and May 5 when workers on the Marina lines are due to be laid off again. Production was resumed yesterday when the 5,000 workers returned after a two-day lay off and the 2,000 time workers who began a strike on Friday also went back, along with the 3,200 workers laid off by the dispute over British Leyland's new lay-off proposals.

This time the men in dispute are members of the Transport and General Workers' Union. Local officials say it is the first time they have been on strike.

The transport union wants the previous verbal agreement that time workers are laid off in only exceptional circumstances to continue.

Safeguards urged in Bill against foreign takeovers

By Derek Barnett
Parliamentary Staff

Both management and unions of a company outside the manufacturing sector have asked the Government to extend an important part of the controversial Industry Bill, on powers to control transfers, to sections of industry not in manufacturing, Mr Michael Meacher, Under-Secretary of State, Department of Industry, told the standing committee on the Bill yesterday.

He said: "We have undertaken to consider this request carefully and we have not reached any decision.

Mr Meacher, outside the committee, later declined to name the company but said it was a "sizable" one which might fear a takeover from outside the United Kingdom.

The section of the Bill under discussion was that giving the Secretary of State for Industry power to prohibit—possibly by using the National Enterprise Board—changes of control of "important manufacturing undertakings" to non-residents if this was against United Kingdom interests

Our Political Staff writes: Eight left-wing members on the Industry Bill Committee last night wrote to the Prime Minister expressing their alarm to hear at yesterday's morning session that certain important clauses could be made inoperative by Britain's membership of the European Community.

The eight backbenchers, including Mr Eric Heffer, the former Minister of State for Industry, said they understood that the powers exercised by the Secretary of State for Industry under clauses 9 and 10 could be nullified, as companies based in the EEC could take over British concerns and the Secretary of State would be unable to use prohibition orders against them.

"The committee also learnt", they said, "the ease with which many foreign firms outside the EEC could quickly establish EEC identity, thereby sabotaging the objectives of his legislation still further.

Other signatories were: Mrs Wise (Coventry SW), Mr Madden Sowerby), Mr Sedgemore (Luton W), Mr Hoyle (Nelson and Colne), Mr Noble (Rossendale), Mr Mikardo (Tower Hamlets, Bethnal Green and Bow) and Mr Ashton (Bassetlaw).

Big slump in British shipbuilding orders

Britain's shipbuilding industry order book fell by 1.2 million tons in the 12 months to the end of March, and in the first three months of this year United Kingdom yards secured new orders for only 25,100 tons gross.

The inflow of new orders in the first quarter of this year, involving 14 ships, compares with 68 vessels totalling 493,700 tons gross ordered in the corresponding period last year

But unlike most of its main competitors, the United Kingdom has not suffered from cancellation of existing orders, particularly tankers, which have eaten into the order books of Japanese and Scandinavian shipbuilders.

Mr Rockefeller defends the multinationals

The devil has been replaced by big business in the minds of some people, Mr David Rockefeller, the New York banker, said in Manchester last night. He was speaking to businessmen in the second Stock Exchange chairman's lecture at the Whitworth Art Gallery on multinationals under siege, a threat to the world economy.

Mr Rockefeller, chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank, said: "In many quarters—political, academic, literary and journalistic—the multinational company has become the target of a new kind of demonology. If this sounds like paranoia I can at least claim some good company among those British and American observers."

Mr Rockefeller said: "Multinational companies are coming under the fiercest kind of political and rhetorical assault from academicians, writers, left-leaning economists and politicians."

The spate of new publications on multinational enterprise were "collections of innuendo, half-truths, distortion and outright falsehood".—Reuter.

German minister backs banks protection plan

Herr Hans Apel, the West German Finance Minister, yesterday approved a plan by the private-sector banks for voluntarily protecting deposits of non-bank customers.

The banks, represented by the West German Banking Federation, said they would create a joint fund to guarantee that each depositor was insured up to 30 per cent of the liable capital of the bank holding his money. Liable capital is the sum of nominal share capital and open reserves.

Oil nations scale down surplus fund estimates

From Frank Vogl
Washington, April 22

The chief Arab oil-producing countries are sharply reducing projections of the amount of surplus funds available for foreign investment, according to Mr Gerald Parsky, Assistant Secretary of Treasury, who has just returned from the Middle East.

Mr Parsky said estimates of foreign investment levels, excluding foreign aid of all types, by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Libya, Abu Dhabi and Qatar, are now put at below $20,000m a year between 1975 and 1980, compared with estimates by these countries of $25,000m as recently as three months ago.

Mr Parsky said, for example, that Abu Dhabi, which made foreign investments of roughly $3,000m to $3,500m last year, now maintains it will have no funds available at all this year for foreign portfolio investment, because of over-committal of foreign aid grants.

He noted that these five countries were likely to be the only important oil-producing countries with substantial surplus funds available for foreign portfolio investment in the years ahead.

He said government leaders in Iran estimate that, because of high spending levels on imports and foreign investment, Iran will be running a current account payments deficit within 18 months.

While the oil producers themselves are now estimating that their total combined volume of surpluses may be no more than $100,000m to $125,000m for the period to 1980, the United States Treasury, Mr Parsky said, is sticking to its estimate of $230,000m. Part of the discrepancy arises because the oil producers are not including aid grants in their total.

A big reason for the substantial discrepancy is the Treasury's conviction that the oil producers will not be able to absorb as high a level of imports of goods and services as is suggested.

Beyond this, there is also reason to believe that the Arab oil producers see it as being in their own best political interest now to understate the amount of funds they will have for foreign investment purposes.

Mr Parsky had given assurances to the Arabs that the United States did not intend to create any new legislative barriers to foreign investment.

British exporters advised to aim at fewer markets

By Melvyn Westlake

British companies frequently export to too many markets instead of concentrating scarce resources of talent, effort and money on a few key ones which may be more profitable, or permit more rapid expansion of sales.

This is one of the main recommendations of a study, called Concentration on Key Markets, published yesterday by the British Export Trade Research Organisation (BETRO) Trust Committee.

The study is based on interviews with executives at board or decision-making level in 122 companies which together account for about 25 per cent of British exports of manufactured goods.

The BETRO Trust, which is administered through the Royal Society of Arts, commissioned and helped finance the study in conjunction with the British Overseas Trade Board.

According to the study, many exporters are over-extended and would benefit from identifying the five or six best markets and preparing special annual marketing plans for a particularly concentrated drive. By doing so, exporters would be just as successful as those companies which deal with 150 markets.

The study finds that even large British companies employ a relatively small number of people on the export side of their activities. It estimates that the productivity of export sales specialists is some five times greater than that of home sales specialists.

Adoption of an even remotely similar approach to exports as to home sales could have a significant impact on foreign business, the study claims.

BP pumps in Hungary

BP, Britain's part state-owned oil giant, is making a steady, if small, income from Russian petrol sold in Hungary, it was disclosed in Budapest yesterday. The company expects to draw royalties this year on five million gallons of petrol sold in Hungarian service stations under the BP label and from BP pumps.

More homes this year

Returns by builders last month suggest that they were expecting to start about 135,000 private sector dwellings during 1975, the Department of the Environment said last night. The corresponding estimate for 1975 from an inquiry in November was also 135,000. The number of starts last year was

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Urgent need for effort to run a controlled economy

From Mr D. F. Heathfield

Sir, It is indisputable that the social decision making agencies of this country (and consequently the major debates and disagreements) are concerned not with our moral or cultural climate, nor with our physical or mental health, nor even with our technological endowments; the single most pervasive aspect of our social life is our economic health.

Almost every political decision seems to be made with reference to its supposed economic consequences. This of itself is disquieting enough, but even more so is the growing realization that we simply do not know how to control our economy.

We do not know how to control inflation. We do not know how to control our rate of growth, our balance of trade or our level of unemployment. This should be clear from simply observing that none of these things are what we would like them to be. Despite all this, politicians still claim to be responsible for managing so many aspects of our economic affairs.

There are possibly two ways out of this impasse. Either we give up attempts to centrally control our economy, drastically reduce government descretionary economic power and rely on self discipline and that of the free market. Or we recognize that controlling an economy is a highly complicated matter, far more so than building a supersonic aircraft, and therefore requires a great deal of research into methods of economic and social control.

At the moment, defence expenditure exceeds £4,000m per annum and Government research expenditure through its Research councils is: Science Research Council £75m; Medical Research Council £25m; Natural Environmental Research Council £15m; Social Science Research Council (including economics) £6m.

This despite the fact that Mr Jenkins has recently identified inflation as our most serious enemy since Hitler. This inexplicable distribution of government research expenditure is reinforced by private research and charity expenditures on medicine and the sciences.

Let us therefore decide either for a laissez faire, or for a controlled economy and act accordingly. For the first we dismantle those parts of the enormous government machine designed to control the economy. For the second we set up research centres and expand existing research programmes in the social sciences. It should eventually become clear to what extent and at what cost we can control our economy.

The time has come for us to abandon hopes for some costless, painless panacea, and to stop pretending that we can at present communally determine our economic destiny

DAVID F. HEATHFIELD.
Lecturer in Economics.
Southampton University.

Import controls are no way to help workers

From Mr Francis Prideaux

Sir, Mr Raymond Hill pers (April 10) in invoking im controls as a way of hel workers in Lancashire. Su retrograde measure would volve higher prices for the sumer (including those in cashire), retaliation aga British exports by other c tries and consequent incre in redundancies in Britain.

It would also involve dep sing still further the econo position of marginally emplo textile workers in poor count overseas.

Textiles account for no than half of all manufactu exports from developing c tries and in this context further moves by Britain export her unemployment surely totally unacceptable. man's import control is ano man's redundancy.

Even Mr Jack Brown of United Textile Factorywor Association has admitted "no problems can be solve transferring unemploym from one country to anoth

The British Government n no longer avoid the prima problems of Lancashire. employers in the textile se must be brought under s kind of socially responsible trol and there must be a mas investment in a long-overdu training programme.

FRANCIS PRIDEAUX.
60 St Ervans Road,
London W10.
April 18.

Bureaucratic restrictions over imports

From Miss E. Green

Sir, I am engaged in a company concerned with the import of textiles, mainly trimmings, from Switzerland. On April 3, it was suddenly learned that an import surveillance licensing scheme, affecting these goods, came into operation forthwith

As the notice from the Department of Trade stated that licences would be freely granted, and there is no question of a quota being imposed, it would seem that the surveillance has been instituted for the purpose of obtaining statistics on the imports of such textiles.

In fact, it would seem that the statistics would be already available from HM Customs & Excise, where all the particulars shown on the licence appear on the documents prepared at the port of entry of all imports.

Inevitably, our clients are finding that the issue of licences, when applications have been made, is very slow. This has resulted in delays, and, in many cases, they have found that they cannot complete garments because of the [illegible] of the imported trimmings.

This has meant that they have had to send workers home as a result. Since many of these garment manufacturers are in already depressed textile areas of this country, further hardship has been caused.

Furthermore, these manufacturers are working to complete schedules—many of them for the export of the garments—drawn up some time ago, and there is now a high possibility of cancellation as a result of delay.

Curious anomalies have arisen; today, a client had his application returned because "the square metrage of the textiles had not been stated". The articles concerned were tiny motifs (the tariff heading which is applicable makes provision for such textile articles) which had already been described correctly in dozens.

It was also learned today that licences which are only partly used must be returned only directly to the actual Importer, and not to his authorized import agent, by HM Customs & Excise at the port of entry.

This means that the agent, instead of being in possession of the Licence and thus abl handle the next consignmen similar articles in a smooth efficient manner, must wait the licence to be returned slo by post to the impor address, and then slowly to him by post from the im ter to the same port.

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Yours faithfully,
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

On Tuesday, May 13, 1975 at 10.30 a.m. at the Company's office at Burgemeester s'Jacobplein 1, Rotterdam.

AGENDA

1. Annual Report for 1974.
2. Approval and adoption of the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account for 1974 and adoption of the proposed Profit Appropriation for 1974.
3. Appointment of the Board of Directors.
4. Appointment of Auditors.
5. Questions.

This agenda, the Annual Report for 1974 including the Balance Sheet, the Profit and Loss Account, the proposed Profit Appropriation and the nominations relating to items 3 and 4 of the agenda are available for inspection by shareholders and holders of certificates issued by N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie- en Trustkantoor at the Company's office, Rotterdam, and at the offices of the banks mentioned below, where copies may be obtained free of charge.

(A) Holders of bearer shares or sub-shares wishing to attend the meeting either in person or by proxy [illegible]

(B) Holders of registered shares, certificates for which are countersigned by Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, New York, wishing to attend the meeting either in person or by proxy [illegible]

(C) Holders of registered shares for which certificates have been issued in another form and holders of booked shares wishing to attend the meeting [illegible] reach Unilever N.V., Rotterdam, by Tuesday, May 6, 1975.

(D) Holders of certificates for shares in Unilever N.V. issued by N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie- en Trustkantoor of Amsterdam [illegible]

(E) If holders of the certificates mentioned in (D) above wish to exercise voting rights at the meeting [illegible] holders must by Friday, May 2 1975 surrender their certificates [illegible] nominal amount of Fl 1,000 or a multiple thereof) to Midland Bank Limited, Austin Friars House, Austin Friars, London EC2P 2HU or any of its branches.

The certificates so surrendered must be accompanied by a request in writing as described in the conditions of administration, forms for this purpose being obtainable free of charge from N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie- en Trustkantoor, Amsterdam, and Midland Bank Limited, London. Upon production of the receipts then issued by N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie- en Trustkantoor and Midland Bank Limited respectively the holders will be admitted to the meeting.

The receipt issued by Midland Bank Limited for sub-share certificates so surrendered incorporates a two-way proxy form.

Rotterdam, April 22, 1975.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ENCHEM HOLDINGS LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at 51-[illegible] Wilson Street, London, [illegible], on Thursday, 15th May, 1975 at 11 a.m. for the following purposes:—

1. To receive the report of the Directors and the audited accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1974, and to [illegible] dividends. 2. To re-elect Mr P. F. Vennat a Director of the Company. 3. To re-elect Mr. H. T. Fuller a Director of the Company. Special notice has been received of the intention to propose the re-election of Mr. Fuller, who has attained the age of 70 years. 4. To authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors.

A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not also be a member. Holders of ORDINARY SHARES represented by WARRANTS TO BEARER wishing to attend and vote at the meeting must lodge with the Secretaries, W. H. Stentiford & Co., [illegible] Little Britain, London, [illegible] not less than three clear days before the date of the meeting a certificate of an Authorised Depositary that warrants have been deposited on behalf of the holder in accordance with the provisions of the Exchange Control Act 1947, and will remain so deposited until the conclusion of the meeting.

By Order of the Board.
S. H. STENTIFORD & CO.,
Secretaries.
Registered Office:
[illegible] Wilson Street,
London, [illegible]
22nd April, 1975.

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY
(Established [illegible])
126th ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING of the members of the Society will be held in the Society's Head Office Building, Sydney Cove, at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 21st May, 1975, for the purpose of:—

1. Receiving and considering the accounts, the balance sheet and the reports of the Board and the auditors for the year ended 31st December, 1974;
2. Declaring the result of the Ballot for the election of Directors if concluded and not previously declared.
3. Electing an Auditor in lieu of D. J. Russell, B.Sc., F.I.A., who retires in terms of By-law 58 and is eligible for re-election.
4. Transacting any other business that may be brought before the Meeting in accordance with the Society's By-laws.

By Order of the Board
J. [illegible] C. HURLEY,
Secretary.
Head Office: Sydney Cove,
New South Wales.
10th April 1975.

NOTICE

All Advertisements are subject to the conditions of acceptance of Times Newspapers Limited, copies of which are available on request.

TRANSFER BOOKS

UNILEVER N.V.
CERTIFICATES FOR ORDINARY SUB-SHARES OF FL.12 ISSUED BY N.V. NEDERLANDSCH ADMINISTRATIE- EN TRUSTKANTOOR

Notice is Hereby Given that the REGISTER of Certificates for Ordinary Sub-Shares registered in the name of Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Company Limited, now MIDLAND BANK TRUST COMPANY Limited, will be CLOSED from 6th May, 1975 to 22nd May 1975 both dates inclusive.

Exchanges of Bearer Certificates and Unilever N.V. New York Shares for Sub-Share Certificates and vice versa after the close of business on the 8th May, 1975 will be on "Ex Dividend" basis.

N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie—en Trustkantoor.
London Transfer Officer,
Unilever House,
Blackfriars,
London, EC4P 4BQ
22nd April, 1975.

MALAYAN TIN DREDGING, LIMITED

The TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from 20th to 22nd May, 1975, both dates inclusive.

COMPANY NOTICES

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY LIMITED OF DENMARK

The Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at The Exchange, Copenhagen (Slotsholmsgade, Entrance B) on Wednesday, the 21st May, 1975, at 3 p.m. where the following business will be submitted:

1. Report of the Company's business during the past year.
2. Presentation of the Parent Company Accounts and Group Accounts.
3. Passing of the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet, and giving discharge to the Board of Directors and the Board of Management.
4. Approval of the proposed distribution of profit for the past financial year and of the proposed dividend.
5. Election to the Board of Directors.
6. Election of two Auditors for the current year.

From the 6th May, the Agenda, the proposals to be submitted to the General Meeting, the Company and Group Accounts, and the Auditors' Report, will be open to the inspection of the shareholders at the Company's offices. They will also be sent to all shareholders noted in the Company's register of shareholders. Cards of Admission may be obtained from the Company's offices (in London, 5 St. Helen's Place), not later than five days before the General Meeting, on shareholders proving their rights as such in accordance with Article 15 of the Articles of Association.

No director is employed under a contract of service either with the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the Great Northern Telegraph Company, Limited, of Denmark.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY LIMITED of Denmark

Shareholders who are entitled to receive but who have not yet taken up bonus shares in accordance with the resolution of the Annual General Meeting on 17th June, 1965, are requested to present their claim to such shares at the Company's office at 28, Kongens Nytorv, 1016 Copenhagen K, within 6 months from today.

According to Section 40 of the Danish Companies Act such bonus shares as have not been taken up before the expiry of the above time-limit will be sold, and sales proceeds which have not been claimed within 5 years after the sale will revert to the Company.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Copenhagen
23rd April, 1975.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 001246 of 1975
IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court in the Matter of CAIRNBRIDGE SECURITIES Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 15th day of April 1975 presented to the said Court by Cairnbridge Limited whose registered office is situate at 69 High Street, Bagshot, Surrey

And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on the 12th day of May 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

HOWE & MAW 15 Devereux Court, Essex Street, London WC2R 3JX Solicitors for the Petitioner.

Note.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 9th day of May 1975

Legal Appointments see page 9

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 001244 of 1975
In The HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of SIEGE ESTATES Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 16th day of April 1975 presented to the said Court by Kyle Stewart (Contractors) Limited whose registered office is situate at High Holborn House, 52-54 High Holborn, London, W.C.1, carrying on business as building contractors, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 12th day of May 1975 and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

MASONS
10 Fleet Street, London, EC4Y 1BA.
Solicitors for the Petitioner

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on, or send by post to, the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 9th day of May 1975.

AVERMOORE PLASTICS Limited (in voluntary liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company are required, on or before the 27th day of May 1975, to send their names and addresses, with particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned, A. L. Murty, F.C.A., of 70/71 New Bond Street, London, W1 the Liquidator of the said Company; and, if so required by notice in writing by the said Liquidator, are, by their Solicitors or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. This notice is purely formal and all known Creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

Dated 15th April 1975
A. L. Murty
Liquidator

PELYNE Limited (in voluntary liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company are required, on or before the 27th day of May 1975, to send their names and addresses, with particulars of the debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned, A. L. Murty, F.C.A. of 70/71 New Bond Street, London, W1 the Liquidator of the said Company; and, if so required by notice in writing by the said Liquidator, are, by their Solicitors or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. This notice is purely formal and all known Creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

Dated 15th April 1975
A. L. Murty
Liquidator

In the Matter of THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of G. H. LINTON Limited (in Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of 13, Eastcheap, London EC3M 1DA, on Wednesday, the 14th day of May, 1975 at 11.45 a.m., to be followed at 12 noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1975.
M. A. JORDAN,
Liquidator.

In the Matter of B.M.J. (ENGINEERING) Limited, by order of the HIGH COURT dated 23rd January, 1975, MR. RAYMOND WRIGHT, of 8 Commercial Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, has been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company. Dated this 15th day of April, 1975.

LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of THE CLIFFS CONSTRUCTION CO. Limited (in Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of 13, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA on Friday, the 16th day of May 1975, at 11.45 a.m. to be followed at 12 noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1975.
M. A. JORDAN,
Liquidator.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PROTECTION OF WRECKS ACT 1973
AREA OFF SOUTHWARD WELL ROCK, ISLES OF SCILLY, TO BE DESIGNATED AS A RESTRICTED AREA

The Secretary of State for Trade proposes to make an Order under the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973 designating as a restricted area all within 300 metres of the site off Southward Well Rock, Isles of Scilly, where a vessel lies wrecked on the seabed at latitude 49 deg 55 min 15 sec North, longitude 6 deg 21 min 2 sec West.

After the Order is made and comes into effect it will be an offence within this area to interfere with the wreck or to carry out diving or salvage operations without the authority of a licence granted by the Secretary of State.

If any person or body wishes to make representations about the proposal to make this Order they should write to the Department of Trade, Marine Division, Branch 1B, 90/93 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6LP, by May 12, 1975.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity—Alleyn's College of God's Gift (Educational).
Scheme for the amendment of previous Scheme.
Ref.: S427-6000Z-L5.

The Charity Commissioners propose to ESTABLISH a SCHEME for this and other purposes. Objections and suggestions may be sent to the Commissioners within one month from today.

Copies of the proposed Scheme will be supplied on written request to the Charity Commission, 14 Ryder Street, London, S.W.1 (quoting the reference above) and may also be seen at that address or at The Old College, Dulwich, SE21 7AE.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CLYDESDALE BANK LIMITED
INTEREST RATES

Clydesdale Bank Limited announces that wit effect from 23rd April 1975 its base rate fo lending is being reduced from 10½% to 9½% pe annum.

With effect from 23rd April 1975 the credit ra of interest on personal credit plan accounts wi be reduced from 7% per annum to 6% per annu The debit rate of interest remains unchanged 18%. In the case of existing personal credit pla accounts the new rate of interest on cred accounts will be effective from 21st May 197

BRITISH RAILWAYS BOARD

Notice is hereby given that MERCHANDISE and ARTIC RECEIVED BY PASSENGER TRAINS, ETC. AND/OR L IN THE RAILWAYS POSSESSION UNCLAIMED, the ow of which are known or have refused delivery, WILL SOLD BY AUCTION AT NEW MILEAGE YARD, ALF ROAD, HARROW ROAD, LONDON, W.2 if not CLAI WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS OF THIS DATE.

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LONDON, EC4M 9DN
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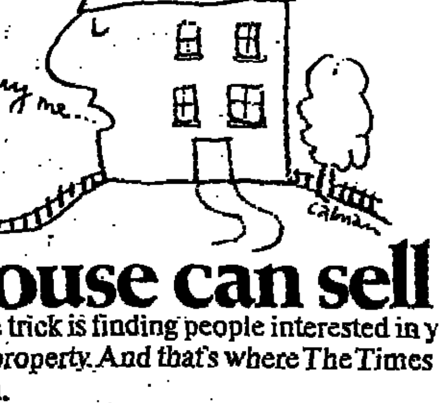
with view day 12th May.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Henry Hoare's Charity for Distribution of Bibles and Religious Books.
Scheme for the reconstruction of the body of Trustees.
Ref. 255689-A1-L1.

The Charity Commissioners have made an Order ESTABLISHING a SCHEME for this and other purposes. Copies can be obtained by written request to the Charity Commission, 14 Ryder Street, London, S.W.1 (quoting ref. no. 255689-A1-L1) and may also be seen at that address.

CHARITY COMMISSI
Charities—1. Gospel Stand Society, 2. Gospel Stand Relief Society.
Scheme for the general re zation of the Charities.
Ref.: 209373-A5-L1.

The Charity Commission made an Order ESTABLIS SCHEME for this and ot poses. Copies can be obt written request to the Commission, 14 Ryder Str don, S.W.1 (quoting 209373-A5-L1) and may seen at that address.



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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Landmark for the dollar premium as Wall St rises

nvestment currency rode through the 100 ark for the first time bulls of the premium e been wondering hey could ever go ist year, when Wall crashing, the pre- in high demand from uxious to get into or obliged to top up to-back loans to the 5 per cent level. This Wall Street on the estors are buying the acquire new shares

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e active the market owever, the better for the bulls. Every ed Kingdom investor erican stock to buy has to surrender 25 f the premium in- ne Bank of England, hen drained out of So the market is contracting. More- umber of *dealers in* n has been shrinking, ended to add to the latility.

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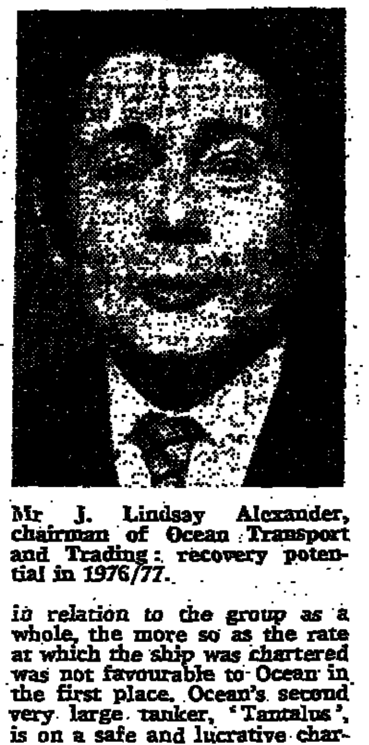
sport and Trading's 1974 confirm chair- Lindsay Alexander's for formidably accur- sting, being exactly h the half-time pro- , even in a situation uncertainty in the to a lesser extent in o market, his expec- 75 profits "of the " as those of 1973 ven plenty of weight. t took the implied hortfall as a cause ion: and quite right

enough to see where ll is going to come. ntribution from asso- up from £10.5m to year, thanks largely crease in the profits ich were worth some e group pre-tax. This there is likely to be tfall here. And the rgo division, which around a half of (as against £12.4m) fit, will also be feel- ects of the downturn rade, for all that the something of a back- its well-established ith the buoyant West arkets. Then there aller-scale problems. ibution is not yet into and is not likely to the end of the year. are of course ques- r the Titan, the rtered out to Mr Rek- the end of the decade. ave however been no to renegotiate the rter! and in income *is in any case* small



Mr J. Lindsay Alexander, chairman of Ocean Transport and Trading: recovery potential in 1976/77.

in relation to the group as a whole, the more so as the rate at which the ship was chartered was not favourable to Ocean in the first place. Ocean's second very large tanker, 'Tantalus', is on a safe and lucrative charter and the third has been sold—albeit at a loss which is reflected in the £2.13m exceptional debit below the line.

The £14m proceeds of the sale will not be reflected in *this balance sheet, but should* show through in reduced in*terest* charges (up last year from £8.95m to £11.42m) this time, particularly as Ocean is trimming its capital spending plans and has little in hand at the moment. From the looks of things there is going to be plenty of recovery potential for the group in 1976-77, and mean*while the* 9 per cent *yield* at 104p is safe. Not that this will effectively *counter sentiment* if the shipping sector comes up with further horrors in the remainder of this year. But longer-term the shares look good.

Final: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £91.3m
Sales £285.4m (£192.5m)
Pre-tax profits £29m (£19.1m)
Earnings per share 13.2p (7.9p)
Dividend gross 9.32p (8.27p)

Unilever

The commodities pipeline

Unilever was always best judged *on the basis of annual rather* than quarterly or even half-yearly performance, and the forecast of a first quarter "substantially below expectations" should be interpreted in that context.

The point here is that though soya, sunflower and palm oil prices have come off the top by around a third since their 1974 final quarter peak we are probably talking of something like a 20-week *pipeline before* Unilever feels the effect. On this basis the full benefit would not be felt until the third quarter.

Meanwhile, falling volume has replaced selling price controls as the constraint working in the opposite direction on margins. This applies in particular to convenience foods and margarine in Europe—a side of the business which is highly *sensitive to volume.* It is what consumer demand does in the second half that will determine whether Unilever is able to take advantage of lower commodity prices then to offset the expected first-half profits dip. Other overseas areas, notably Nigeria where the United Africa *Company had a very good year* in 1974 on the back of the oil boom, will help bale out sinking European demand this year. Chemicals, paper, plastics and packaging should retain at least part of the last year's firmness too, but overall Unilever is hardly likely to match last year's earnings.

Attempting to quantify the shortfall is too much of a guessing *game at this point. In any* case Unilever's hedging merits as an international situation are likely to weigh more heavily with the market than the question of whether an historic p/e ratio of 9¼ discounts all the uncertainties. The Limited shares closed 5p up at 384p *yesterday after touching 400p* before the results and NV was unchanged at £20¾. The yield of something under 5 per cent (assuming payment of the second part of the 1974 final dividend) is modest though the strength of the balance sheet allows ample scope for an in*crease once conditions* permit.

Gearing remains modest despite a £164m decrease in net liquid funds last year and a £113m increase in loans, much of this being attributable to funding overdraft on a longer term basis.

Accounts: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £1,580m
Net assets £1,220m (£1,098m)
Borrowings £296.6m (£35.3m)
Pre-tax profit £333.2m (£332.1m)
Earnings per share 41.76p (43.02p)

Sears

Set for recovery

There had been some bearish views in the market recently on the likely outcome at Sears for the year to end January, but a full year pre-tax profits fall of a *sixth* after a *decline* of over a fifth at the interim *stage went down* well enough in yesterday's rising market—the shares gaining 3½p to 45p. That said, a second-half decline of under a tenth owes something to an additional £1m from non-trading profits this time round, as well as an extra £1.3m offset against second-half interest charges arising from loan stock redemptions.

Without these items the second-half decline would have *worked* out nearer 18 per cent. but just how much that one tells one about trends is open to question anyway *since* a second-half loss of £1.7m in the engineering *division can*, apparently, be roughly equated with year-end stock write-downs.

For the year as a whole the engineering side, much as expected, has proved the "villain of the piece", the combination of the three-day week, the decline in demand for wool knitting machines and the stock write-downs slashing profits *from* £8.6m *to* £554,000. The situation here is reckoned to be *over the worst now*, but any marked recovery is not expected to develop until towards the end of the year.

Although William Hill was unable to recover the whole of the ground lost in the first half —full year profits were down from £3.9m to £3.1m—the second six months were *good*. The second half was good for retail*ing operations*, too, with both the footwear and department store sectors more than recovering first-half downturns. And with trading still brisk, Sears should be set for a good start to the current year. But a p/e of 10¼ and yield of 6½ per cent hardly suggest a case for relative strength.

Final: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £199m
Sales £599m (£524m)
Pre-tax profits £41.1m (£48.3m)
Earnings per share 4.4p (5.2p)
Dividend gross 2.94p (2.61p)

Arguments for letting private steel get on with the job

Selwyn Williams

The steel industry was discussed recently in an article by a junior *minister* entitled "A suitable case for treatment". But he diagnosed *no sickness* and proposed no remedy. The Industry Bill is in the committee stage with ministerial assurances that its unbridled powers will not be aggressively used against private enterprise, so what government really intends for British industry is still unclear.

So far there have been only rescue operations for victims of the "sandbag and smelling salts" technique, who have been brought to the sorry pass of needing government help. We also have the doctrinaire *proposals* to nationalize the shipbuilding and aircraft industries, *including Mr Benn's* more sinister notion, enshrined in the Shipbuilding Bill, that his powers and duties, and those of the new board, should in future be variable by simple order.

The private sector of steel, however, might provide a better pointer to the left wing's general aims for industry at large. *There is* not, despite Mr Wilson's Delphic utterances in Dublin, any *proposal—even in* the Labour manifesto—to take over the rest of the steel industry with its immense *diversity of products and its* complex involvement with *engineering manufacture. Nor* are any of its companies waiting in Dr Benn's ante-room for a lifesaving injection of the public's money.

This is because, for the present at least, their financial health reflects the benefits of courageous management, unhampered investment and moderate but adequate pricing policies, which have been helped by evolving a *modus vivendi* with their nationalized counterpart, and the enormous advantages of EEC membership.

It follows therefore that any plans the Government has for private steel should be seen as *revealing its philosophy* rather than responding to real prob*lems of the day. With sincere* apologies to John Donne, we *might fairly* say to all *other* private enterprise concerns ". . . never send to know for whom the *Bill* tolls; it tolls for thee"!

What then is the Government's policy on steel? Its treatment of the corporation's investment strategy bewilders *the informed observer, let alone* those responsible for its management and success.

The private sector has since nationalization steadily developed, in some areas as the BSC's competitor, but largely as a complementary element in Britain's most vital and most varied *manufacturing* industry. This has meant continued *capital investment* and *secured* employment for more than 70,000 people and its *political* origin was the assurance by the Labour Minister who nationalized the major steelworks—Richard Marsh—that his Government wanted to see a healthy private sector continue alongside the new leviathan.

Successive governments, of both political colours, have continued this policy and after various, but perfectly natural, commercial *démarches* and marginal changes in coverage, the two sectors can fairly be said to have *achieved* a degree of détente which is to the good of the industry, its workers and the manufacturing industries it exists to serve.

As a result, the United Kingdom steel industry, despite political unheaval, is still regarded as a coherent and *credible member of world* steel, both in the broader International Institute and in the highly developed European *Steel Community, within which* so much constructive coopera*tion exists between the national* industries on the technical, social and commercial spheres.

The basic policy has never been overtly changed, but the past 12 months have seen a political dance of the seven veils with tantalizing glimpses of what the Government thinks it may intend.

The Prime Minister at the EEC summit in Dublin spelt out the alleged problems as relating to prices, mergers and private sector investment. On *the first, the state ownership of* a dominant share, with its *inevitable market influence*, suggests that this is not a major headache, whether in or out of Europe.

The merger question is more difficult to fathom, since "rationalization" is still a vogue word for critics of private industry, but perhaps *the real clue is in statements* by Mr Benn and some of his *colleagues deploring the fact* that decisions on company structure can actually be made by boards of directors, rather than shop stewards and politicians. Even worse, they note that there is also an *objective European authority* which can take a view on the desirability of mergers vis-à-vis healthy competition.

Finally, government control of private steel investment, *despite total ownership of BSC*, was seemingly important enough to rank among the major issues affecting the shape of Europe for generations. In fact, as the Prime Minister conceded, all governments have powers of one kind or another, such as Industrial Development Certificates, Exchange Control, and so on, to influence indus*trial development, so that to* seek further special powers to *inhibit the domestic com*petitors of their major nation*alized concern* seems far removed from the national interest.

In short, we are talking about *control* for its own sake and this week's exchanges in the House again failed to elicit any credible or consistent grounds for not, as Mr Nicholas Ridley properly suggested, "letting the private sector get on with the job". *In steel at least, des*pite Mr Benn's allegations, *private investment has not* failed the nation and the last word should surely be with Mr Michael Marshall, Conservative MP for Arundel, who in the same debate suggested that to inhibit it would be "madness".

Mr Williams is Director of The British Independent Steel Producers Association.

Inescapable facts of economic life

No layman can fail to be struck by the largely qualitative character of the solutions that politicians, trade unionists and economists suggest for our *economic difficulties.* Politicians and trade unionists may, *perhaps, be forgiven, for few* possess much statistical expertise. Economists should do better. Perhaps in future they will.

Until recently computer forecasts provided only a single estimate for each of the important variables (GNP, investment, unemployment, prices, and so on) in any economy over, *say, the next two years. The size* of the estimates represented *what the model builders thought* was the most likely outcome, but everyone knew *that the* forecasts were unlikely to be completely accurate.

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[illegible] have now been *developed which* can do much more than this. *We can give the users of such* an economic model access to the computer itself and allow him to discover what effect changes in the underlying trends in the economy would have on the forecasts by simulating the effects of these changes.

A forecasting model gives us only a best-estimate of what will *happen to the economy. A simulation* model allows us to dis*cover what* effects a change in, say, the rate of increase of incomes or the level of government expenditure will have on, say, GNP, prices or unemployment.

Such a simulation model has been developed by the consulting firm Economic Models for the main EEC *countries*, including the United Kingdom. This model was used shortly before the Budget to study the likely results of changes in two of the key variables in the British economy—incomes and government expenditure.

Much recent discussion about the British economy has centred on the likely effects of *increases in the level of pay* settlements on prices and un*employment. We therefore used* the model to discover what would happen if average earnings in the United Kingdom were to rise at 20 per cent, 30 per cent, and 40 per cent per annum from the first quarter of 1975. We first did this assuming that monetary policy was changed so as just to accommodate these rates.

The results are given in *Table I*. By the second quarter of 1976, the 20 per cent annual *increase in average earnings* would have raised retail prices to 25 per cent above their level in the first quarter of 1975. The 30 per cent rate of increase in earnings would have raised prices over the same period by 33 per cent, and the 40 per cent increase in earnings by 40 per cent. The model implies that the faster incomes are *rising the longer is the lag* before the full effect of rising incomes is felt on prices.

The actual forecast recently published by Economic Models predicts a 23 per cent per annum increase in average earnings. It also predicts a price rise of 26 per cent between the first quarter of 1975 and the second quarter of 1976.

Because the figures in Table I assume an accommodating *monetary policy, the higher the* rate of increase in earnings the smaller the amount of unemployment. A 20 per cent per annum rate of increase in earnings would mean [illegible] employed in the second quarter of 1976. A 30 per cent increase would mean 884,000 unemployed and a 40 per cent one 862,000. Economic Models' actual forecast is 900,000.

Economic Models forecasts a balance of payments deficit of £328m in the *second quarter of* 1976. Table I shows that this *balance of payments deficit* would be bigger the higher the rate of increase of incomes.

Each 1 per cent added to the rate of increase of incomes would add about £4m to the balance of payments deficit by the middle of 1976.

These rather comforting results must now be qualified. We have so far been assuming that *monetary policy accommodates* whatever rate of increase in *incomes may be occurring*, even if this means that prices increase by up to 40 per cent per annum. We therefore studied what would happen to unemployment if monetary policy—and especially the rate of growth of money supply—were to remain unchanged on its present course. The model *then* predicts that if average earn*ings rose* by 30 per cent per annum unemployment in the *second quarter of 1976* could be as high as 930,000, as against 884,000 with fully accommodating monetary policy. With a 40 per cent increase in earnings, unemployment could be as much as 955,000 against 862,000.

For each extra 1 per cent in the annual rate of increase of *earnings above its current level*, unemployment rises by up to 2,500 within a year. If the money supply is constrained, unemployment *does* rise with bigger pay increases. It follows that in present circumstances bigger increases in incomes, really do lead to more unemployment.

Another suggestion made by many bodies, including the Bank of England, is that a solution to our *economic problems is* a cut in government expenditure. Table II *shows what results this* would have. We there assume that government expenditure on current account is reduced at an annual rate of 5, 10 and 15 per cent from the first quarter of 1975. We also assume that there *is* no change in taxation which would allow an *offsetting increase in con*sumer expenditure.

Rather interestingly, Table II shows that a cut in government expenditure would have little effect on inflation. Even where government expenditure is cut by 15 per cent per annum, prices rise almost as quickly as where the cut is only 5 per cent.

The main effect of cutting government expenditure is on *the balance of payments.* A 5 per cent per annum cut in government expenditure would give a balance of payments deficit in the second quarter of 1976 at an annual rate of about £750m. A 15 per cent one would give a balance of payments deficit at an annual rate of only £4m. The price would be paid in unemployment. A 5 per cent per annum cut in government expenditure would lead to 933,000 unemployed in the second quarter of *1976*; a 15 per cent cut would mean *977,000 unemployed.*

Nevertheless, the simulation model does show that a relatively small cut in government expenditure, provided this is not offset by reductions in taxation, would have a significant effect on the balance of payments, but at the expense of some increase in unemployment.

This article *is* not intended to point to policy conclusions; *simply to set out some inescap*able facts of economic life and *the* associated *choices* that policy makers face. Computer models enable one to *simulate* the response of the economy to changes of the sort discussed here.

It is now possible for any individual who uses them to see the consequences of the activities both of Chancellors of the Exchequer and trade unions. In the foreseeable future, access to such models *will be expensive. But they do* precise than ever [illegible] the way the economy behaves.

D. C. Hague

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TABLE I

Annual rate of increase in average earnings from the first quarter of 1975	Percentage price increase from the first quarter of 1975: To the fourth quarter of 1975	To the second quarter of 1976	Unemployment in the second quarter of 1976 (000s)	Balance of payments in the second quarter of 1976 (£m)
20%	14%	25%	907	−298
30%	18%	33%	884	−342
40%	21%	40%	862	−377
Economic models *actual forecast*	16%	26%	900	−328

TABLE II

Annual rate of reduction in *government* expenditure on *current account*	Percentage price increase from the first quarter of 1975: To the fourth quarter of 1975	To the second quarter of 1976	Unemployment in the second quarter of 1976 (000s)	Balance of payments in the second quarter of 1976 (£m)
5%	15%	27%	933	−186
10%	14%	26%	956	−92
15%	14%	25%	977	−1

Business Diary: Imps' call to arms • GKN's axle pin

Tobacco, the Imperial bsidiary, is to obtain arms in a move that me way towards sooth- d sensibilities at the *f Arms and in* The Society.

ms, which *took more* 00 and 18 months of egotiation to acquire, e "imperial" colours and gold. They are o appear on cigarette but they will appear ers connected with s arts patronage, as on company flags, or silver.

s ill-feeling within the nber Heraldry Society, as among individual t the College of Arms, appropriation by some manufacturers of hat appear to *borrow* hentic coats of arms. : Patent are, however, sented to Imperial, the arms having been out by the college's ooke-Little, Richmond with Imperial's Colin

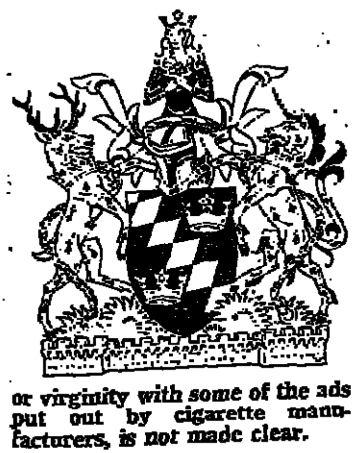
or Herald, Colin Cole, esterday *that while* regarded unauthorized *gs as "at best absurd* worst offensive", the *s such was* not propos- hase up offenders.

is a Court of Chivalry, ly presided over by the rshal, the Duke of Nor- ich can issue injunc- pecially where arms are iated to push commer- ducts.

st time this power was , however, was 21 years d then not by the col- ord Goddard, as Lord Chief Justice, presided in the then Duke's place, when Manchester Corporation successfully objected to *the* use *by* the Manchester Palace of Varieties company of the city *arms on* a theatre backdrop.

Imps' decision to go through the channels is welcomed in the current edition of *The Heraldry Gazette*, the Heraldry Society's newsletter. Members of the society zealously monitor the use of *arms and, although* everybody is too gentlemanly to *say so, there appears to* be a feeling that official supervision *is rather slacker* than it ought to be.

The *society* also *condemns* the "disturbing" spread of graphic symbols in the Civil Service. Even these are scrutinized by the Garter King of Arms. The Department of Industry is described as an "odd mixture of heraldry and trade mark".



Imperial Tobacco's arms are, as any fool can see, Purpure, a bend lozengy argent, between two coronets composed of four tobacco flowers raised on points above a rim Or.

The "supporters", the stag and the unicorn, are from the *arms of Nottingham and Bristol*, two cities with which Imps is *linked, while the* lady in the crest is a virgin holding a bunch of tobacco flowers.

She is an allusion to Virginia, as well as to the virgin as "a symbol of purity and excellence". How purity and excellence square with the Government Surgeon's *warning*, or virginity *with some* of the ads put out by cigarette manufacturers, *is not* made clear.

Motor race

Tecwyn Wilkinson, the 45-year-old managing director of GKN's Salisbury Transmissions, has been chosen to head the group's newest motor component contender, *GKN Axles*. A formal announcement will be made shortly.

The formation of the new subgroup—revealed in yesterday's Business News—attracted a lot of interest in the industry, particularly from Eaton and Rockwell, the two American companies who dominate the supply of *axles* to British lorry manufacturers and now threaten to *do the* same in Europe.

GKN bought Kirkstall, Leeds, and Centrax, Newton Abbot, about 18 months *ago*, since when the Americans have been tapping *the grape*vine for news of GKN's plans for these two long-established *axle producers.*

Yesterday Wilkinson lifted the curtain a little to tell us. Salisbury will continue to be a leading supplier of axles for vehicles up to eight tons gross vehicle weight and will push into Europe. *Negotiations* are already under way with at *least two of Europe's* biggest motor groups.

Kirkstall will concentrate on the remainder of the lorry market, leaving Centrax to exploit the off-road and earth-moving sector.

The biggest changes will probably take place at Kirkstall, which has traditionally supplied very heavy axles to the independent lorry producers such as ERF, Foden and Seddon Atkinson. The plan now is to back these specialized products with more widely used axles similar to those manufactured by Eaton and Rockwell.

But what will set the alarm bells ringing in the American camp is Wilkinson's declared intention of having a go at the huge United States market.

"Without being too *specific—I* don't want to *give* them too much warning of our *strategy—I will simply say* we have done our sums and the *potential for* GKN axles in America is quite exciting", *Wilkinson said.* "This is particularly so in off-road applications in which Rockwell are so strong."

Stitch in Tyne

Some nifty footwork, mainly by Tyne and Wear county council, and the promise to fork out a sizable amount of cash, have persuaded the two Scandinavian shipping lines, Fred Olsen and Bergen Line, to develop rather than scrap their services across the North Sea to the Tyne.

The passenger ships were due to leave the Tyne this autumn after nearly a century, thus *ending a traffic that puts up to* £5m a year in the region's *hotels, shops and restaurants.*

Colin Gray, chairman of the county council's international committee and also of the Northumbria Tourist Board, led a swiftly-organized lobby when last month Bergen Line *announced* that they would join Olsens in relocating, mainly in Hull.

A deputation from the county council, the North Tyneside Metropolitan District and the Port of Tyne Authority whipped up *civic support in Oslo and* Bergen, then set about persuading the shipping lines.

The county council, with some help from the metropoli*tan district, will bear much of* the cost of promoting the Tyne service in the Scandinavian tourist market. The tourist board is also expected to chip in. This will save the shipping lines about £70,000 in the next six months and another £200,000 next year.

Meanwhile, the local authorities also have the Anglo-Soviet Shipping Company nibbling at the idea of a Tyne-Leningrad passenger service, and there is the prospect of a service to Denmark.

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	1974	1973
Group Turnover	£23,670,213	£16,563,925*
Trading Profit before Taxation	£1,303,888	£671,077*
Profit after Taxation and Extraordinary Items	£686,552	£364,145*
Total Dividends Paid and Proposed (Net)	£155,398	£123,121
Retentions	£529,423	£137,517
Dividends per Ordinary Share (Gross Equivalent)	3.925p	3.675p
Earnings per Share before Extraordinary Items	11.1p	4.1p

**Note: 1973 Comparisons include Partridge & Love (Holdings) Group acquired 31st December 1973.*

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1. The marked improvement forecast for 1974 has been attained.
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4. The current economic climate will adversely affect the 1975 results.

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1974 Results

	1974	1973
Turnover	£4,825,401	£3,605,268
Trading profit	£891,832	£702,658
Profit before taxation	*£753,238*	*£667,145*
Net profit attributable to Shareholders	*£410,304*	£381,515
Earnings per Share	2·71p	2·62p
Dividend per Share (gross)	1·57925p	1·40373p
Assets per Share	66·1p	66·6p

The Chairman, Lord Catto, reports to Shareholders:

- "After a year which has presented a number of problems, it gives me some satisfaction to be able to report to you a trading profit for the Group of £891,832. This amount represents an *increase of £189,174 over the profit* achieved in 1973 which was itself a record for the Group.
- "The uncertainty of the prevailing economic climate precludes me from making any forecast of the Group's performance in the current year. I would reiterate my belief, however, in the underlying strength of your Company which derives from the range of its interests, both in terms of activities and geographical spread, and from its sound financial structure"

Agnelli attack on 'bad state management'

From John Earle
Rome, April 22

Signor Gianni Agnelli, president of Confindustria, the private industrialists' confederation, today *denounced* deficiencies on the part of the state which were impeding *recovery* from Italy's protracted recession.

Among targets he singled out for criticism were anarchy in public spending, the inability to stimulate *public* demand, the high cost of the banking system, and the *danger that distortions in the* public sector would contaminate the entire economy.

Addressing Confindustria's annual meeting, Signor Agnelli said bad management *in* fields such as education, health, social welfare and transportation had immediate effects on productive vitality. The same could be said for the *civil* service, "whose malfunctions make objectively improbable *foreign investment in Italy*".

He believed that the west faced as grave a threat as in the late 1940s, though this time from internal tensions. There was a "lack of political leadership which today appears much more than *oil to be* the most scarce raw material in the western world, and in particular in Europe".

Signor Agnelli thought it *surprising* that under *these* adverse international and domestic conditions Italian industry had done so well in maintaining employment levels *in strengthening its position* abroad and in continuing to invest, despite one of the most bureaucratic and onerous credit systems in the world.

Signor Agnelli, who *took on* the Confindustria presidency last spring in addition to *retaining* the chairmanship of Fiat, gave a warning that no effective *restructurization of* the economy could be launched if the present disor*derliness and anarchy in* public finances continued.

In sectors such as scientific *research*, sources of energy, telecommunications, local and long distance *transportation*, housing, informatics and avionics, Italy was in a position of *inferiority compared to* foreign competitors because the state failed to ensure proper public demand.

A thorough renewal was needed to overcome *inefficient* and obsolete practices in the banking system.

Signor Agnelli described the system of credit incentives as a jungle which slowed rather than accelerated companies' investment programmes. This applied particularly to the industrialization of the Mezzogiorno.

The size and operation of the public sector was a feature *in which the Italian* economy differed most from that of most comparable countries. But, he stated, the private entrepreneur could not work *for a healthy and competitive* economy if "competition inside our country is contaminated by state intervention which does not abide by the hard *but inevitable rules to* which private firms have to adhere".

FINANCIAL NEWS

Tougher trading sees Tozer Kemsley down to £2.9m in full year

By Peter Wainwright

Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn (Holdings), the food and BMW car importer, Price & Pierce, timber broker and *merchant* banker and international financier, has upset hopes that the *worst* was passed aroused by the interim statement last October.

In the six months to last June pre-tax profits fell by nearly a quarter to £1.47m, pressed down by warehouses crammed with food and fields full of parked BMWs. *With* demand plunging, Tozer was left with big write-downs and cutbacks.

The hope then was that stocks and financing costs would have fallen to manageable levels. But yesterday the group re*ported that the full year to last* December saw pre-tax profits *fall by 32 per cent to £2.9m* from a record £4.3m.

Tax was unusually high at *£1.9m or 65 per cent* of available profits, with the overseas component jumping from *£574,000 to £1.5m.*

Profits attributable to TKM shareholders finally emerged at £1.3m against £3m, depressed by an additional tax liability of *£319,000* which might arise in future years if relief on stock appreciation is eventually withdrawn.

The directors recommend a final dividend of 1.48p a share net making a total of 2p a share or 3.1p a share gross compared with 2.76p gross the year before. But earnings slipped from 5.8p fully diluted to 3.1p a share.

Burmah details sought

Burmah Shareholders Action Group, commenting yesterday on the preliminary results for 1974 of Burmah Oil, which showed an after-tax loss of £4.1m, compared with a profit of £46.5m in 1973, says they were much as expected in the circumstances. They claim that *the Group's* preliminary statement, on its own, is not satisfactory and does not adequately explain the events of last December and January and the situation surrounding the sale of the group's shares in British Petroleum to the Bank of England.

The action group hopes that the full report and accounts will set out in detail the reasons why the BP shares had to be sold and in particular the part played by the Government and the Bank of *England* in the *affair*.

J. Menzies revives in strong second half

Mr John M. Menzies, chairm of John Menzies (Holding: *sales top £100m for first ti*

While little went right for John Menzies (Holdings) in the first six months and prospects looked doubtful, a strong recovery *in the second half* helped the group out of a trough and profits ended the year to February 1 showing a fall of 11 per cent. This *news* helped to push the share price up from 105p to 115p, a rise of *10p*.

The Edinburgh-based retailers and wholesalers of newspapers and *publications coupled* with books and stationery throughout the United Kingdom returned full-year profits at £2.14m compared with a record £2.4m previously. This *masks* the fact that the first half ended showing a 51 per cent downturn *from £824,000 to £401,000 while* the second half saw a strong upturn and ended showing a 10 per cent increase from £1.58m to £1.74m. The total dividend is being raised from 4.76p to 5.34p *with a final payment* 2.97p.

The chairman says while i: *disappointing to report a br* in a long record of rising ea ings the drop was confined the first half. Sales increa by 35 per cent and excee *£100m for the first time*— encouraging demonstration the consumer demand for products the group sells.

Business appointments

Department stores chief joins board of Sears

Mr A. S. Hawkins and Mr D. S. Greensmith have joined the board of Sears Holdings.

Mr Hawkins is responsible for Sears' retail property interests *throughout the United Kingdom.* Mr Greensmith is managing direc*tor of Sears' departmental stores* division comprising the Selfridges' *and Lewis's stores.*

Mr F. E. Bonner has been appointed deputy chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board for five years. He succeeds Mr W. D. D. Fenton, who has retired.

Mr D. G. Bishop has become deputy general manager of Ransome Hoffmann Pollard general bearings division.

Mr W. J. A. Dacombe, an executive director of Williams & Glyn's Bank, *has been made* head of the international banking divi*sion from June* 1.

Mr G. V. Shaw has been *appointed deputy managing* director of McKechnie Metals.

Mr H. Keswick has resigned from the board of Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking *Corporation* and Mr D. Newbigging has become a director.

Mr A. W. S. Turner has become managing director of Sime Darby Trading. He will continue to be responsible for the management of the fertilizer division in London.

Mr D. G. Williams has been named marketing and sales director of the clock and watch division of Smiths Industries.

Mr M. Noton has joined the board of Cumulus Investment Trust.

Mr William G. Baker, Jr, has joined E. F. Hutton & Co Inc, as senior vice-president in the corporate finance department.

Mr John Childs is appointed chief accountant of Hymac. Mr Michael Vigar becomes area marketing manager responsible for export distributors in southern Europe.

Mr M. E. Doherty *will join the* Anglo-Thai Corporation on May 5 as an *executive director*.

Mr Russell J. Clark will *become an international economic* consultant to the Northern Trust *Co of Chicago* from May 1. He will be based in London.

Mr Alan D. N. *Nabarro retires* as senior partner of Nabarro Nathanson on *April* 30 and becomes a consultant. Mr Terence Robey succeeds him as se partner. Mr Simon Mortim Mr Derek Sendrove and Patrick Soares will join the p nership.

Mr Ilan Krieger has l appointed managing director Guest Krieger, *an associated c* pany of Harris & Dixon.

Mr Douglas Walker, mana director of John Deere, is the *president of the Agricultural* gineers Association.

Mr J. M. Nicholson, man of the Jarrow-based nort region Capper Pipe Service, become a director.

Mr J. D. Lines has becom director of Offin River Estate

Mr Edward Sizeland Spence to become a partner in Linkla & Paines.

Mr Michael Murphy has come general manager of *World Directories Ireland.*

Mr C. Mallett has bec *export director of Engelman* Buckham.

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National Westminster Bank

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of National Westminster Bank Limited was held yesterday at Winchester House, EC2.

Sir John Prideaux, OBE (Chairman) presided.

Mr H G Allen, VRD (Secretary) read the report of the Auditors.

With the concurrence of the members present the report and accounts which had previously been circulated were taken as read.

The Chairman moved "That the report and accounts be received and adopted".

Mr J A F Binny, (a Deputy Chairman) seconded the motion which was approved.

The retiring Directors were re-elected.

Hill Samuel Base Rate

Hill Samuel & Co. Limited *announce that* wi effect from today, Wednesday, April 23rd, 19 their Base Rate for lending will be reduced fr 11% to 10%.

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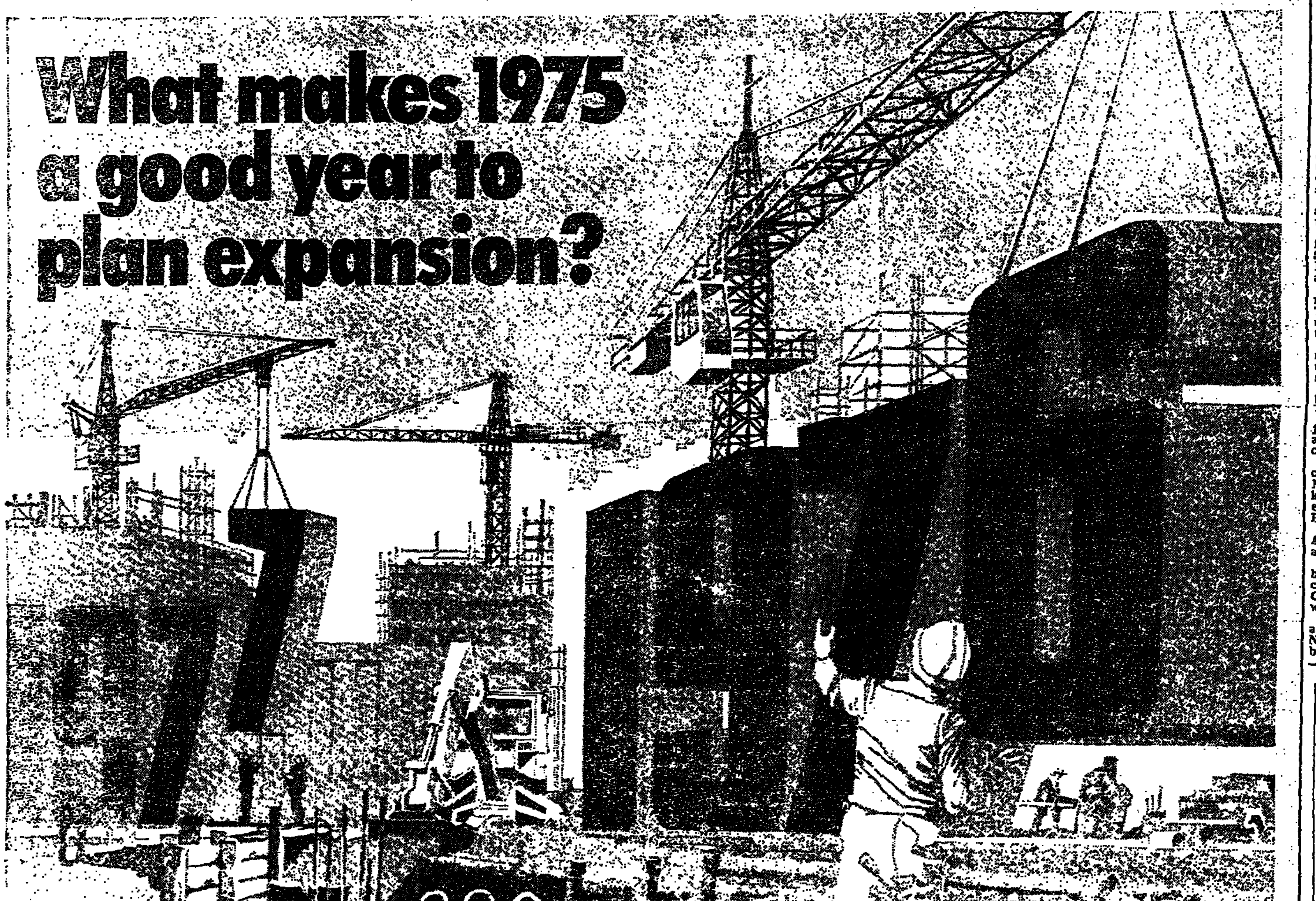

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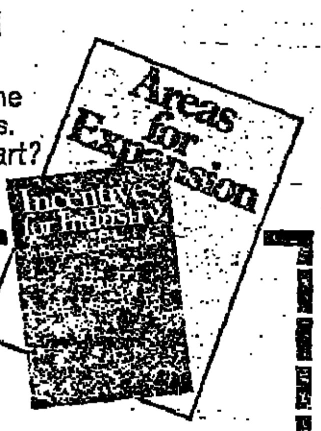

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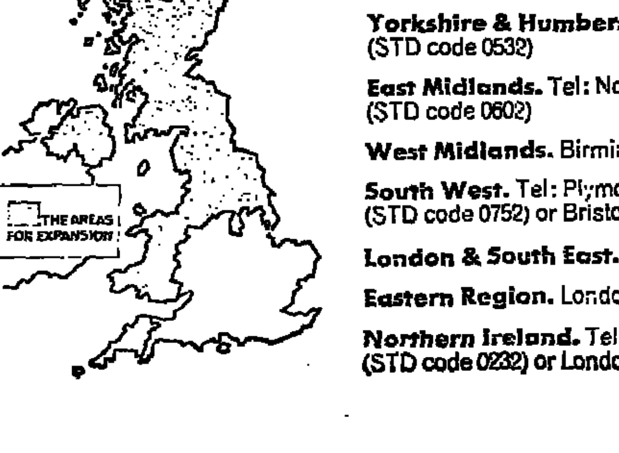

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Sir Geoffrey Eley, the group's chairman, says that the Volkswagen (GB) unit is expected to return to profits this year following the streamlining undertaken in 1974. Commenting on the £16m rise in total borrowings last year, Sir Geoffrey says that most of the outflow was in the first half and mainly financed overseas acquisitions.

Reed & Smith soar

Topping the £1m-mark for the first time, taxable profit of the Reed & Smith Holdings group of paper makers, has gone up from £755,000 to £1.37m on turnover up from £16.5m to £23.6m. The dividend is raised from 3.67p to 3.92p, while earnings a share are 11.1p, against 4.1p.

The figures include Partridge & Love. The board says the current economic climate will affect the 1975 results.

Alginate Inds

Although current first-quarter profits and sales were higher than in 1974 Alginate Industries say demand, particularly for textile-grade alginates, has weakened. Because of this there is no forecast.

Last year pre-tax profits were £1.7m (£944,000) out of turnover of £8.7m (£6.2m).

Nat-Nederlanden

With turnover rising 11.7 per cent to 2,990m florins, net profits of the Nationale-Nederlanden insurance group increased from 110.2m florins to 128.3m last year. Shareholders will receive a dividend of 10f, against 2.50f.

WESTERN SELECTION

Board proposes one-for-three rights issue at 23p a share to raise about £410,000. Interim profit estimated at £216,000 (£264,000) for whole of previous year. Interim is 0.87p.

FIRST FINSBURY TRUST

Turnover for 1974 £11.35m (£13.47m). Pre-tax profit £869,000 (£1.24m). Dividend 3.08p (2.86p).

OFREX

One-for-five scrip disclosed by Mr George Drexler, chairman, in report. With good start he expects steady growth at home and overseas.

GLYNWED

Mr L. Fletcher says overriding need in next few months to generate more cash and profits may temporarily diminish.

Stock markets

Equities rise on crest of renewed buying

The stock market yesterday continued to display contradictory reactions to last week's Budget and to the economic situation in the United Kingdom. Gilts remained weak behind an further fall in the pound, which in turn reflects the fear of further inflation. But equities responded vigorously to the TUC's pledge of support for the social contract and to the falls in base rates by the major banks. Yesterday's base rate cut from Lloyds—and others—was widely expected but confirmed the market's optimism.

The market is still expecting at least one more of the insurance composites to follow in the tracks of Commercial Union and Guardian Royal Exchange and spring a rights issue. The most widely rumoured candidate yesterday was Sun Alliance, up 40p to 457p.

In the current mood of the share market, bearish comments from the boardrooms of both ICI and Unilever did nothing to change the view that equities are now looking forward to 1976.

The FT index soared ahead, with shortage of stock playing its role. Few sellers could be found at current levels. At 355.5, the index was finally 17.9 up. A further indication of the strength of the buying pressure was indicated by a total of 10,249 recorded bargains.

Shares in ICI, finally 15p up at 258p closed at the day's best, in spite of a somewhat bearish statement which accompanied news of a $42m cash raising move in the United States.

Unilever were less happy after the chairman's comments on the outlook for industry, and slipped from around 400p to close at 394p, a net 5p up. The NV held steady at £20¾, reflecting the dollar premium.

Property shares had another good session, on reports that pension funds and other major investors are buying into the big building developments again. Stock Conversion added 21p to 183p, Haslemere Estates (an old time bid favourite) 25p to 242p, and Hammerson "A" 55p to 470p.

Banks shares also found the buyers. Lloyds closed 10p up at 235p, and Barclays 15p up at 290p. An active insurance section, which will benefit from a revival in property values, had Pearl 14p higher at 220p and Commercial Union 15p up at 153p.

On the industrial side, Tube Investments (254p) and GKN (247p), were strong, but Babcock remained dull at 71p.

Bats edged forward to 312p after Monday's mammoth placing by Imps, which jumped by 3p to 65p. Metal Box (278p) again bounded ahead, while Hawker Siddeley strengthened ahead of the trading report due this week.

Thorn (174p) and Decca (310p) were hoping that the pre-VAT spending spree will outweigh future sales downturns.

Oil shares stood out strongly, with Shell (282p) catching up on the rest of the section. A soaring dollar premium (100¾ per cent) pushed gold shares forward despite a lower bullion price.

Rowntree shares have been held back by fears of a rights issue to help pay for a big acquisition. These fears are groundless. The shares rose 2p to 47p as gamblers started thinking about the trading year ending this month. The signs are that profits rose from just under £3m to £3.3m.

Equity turnover on April 21 £224.9m (29,814). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph were Unilever, Shell, ICI, GEC, Courtaulds, Marks & Spencer, Land Securities, RTZ, BP and Tubes new.

Gilts were troubled by the fall in sterling. Firmness in the morning gave way to weakness later. Eventually only "mediums" showed rises on the day.

The "tap" price in "shorts" was raised at the opening and stocks were generally traded above overnight levels. However, an easier tendency developed and losses of ¼ point were common.

At one stage "longs" were ¼ point up. But this could not be sustained and falls of ¼ point were general at the close. "Mediums", however, tended to end up ¼ point higher. The coupon rate on local authority bonds was 10¾ per cent.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Aquascutum (5p)	1.72	1.54	—	1.72	1.54
Audiotronic (10p) Fin	Nil	2.5	—	5	6.5
Bodycote Int (5p) Fin	0.4	0.32	—	0.92	0.82
Border & Sthn (50p) Int	2.71	1.75	—	—	5.7
Greenbank Inds (10p) Fin	2.31	1.53†	23/5	3.62	2.75†
Haden Carrier (25p)	6.17	6.31	—	—	[illegible]
Lake View Inv (25p) Fin	2.67	2.35	—	3.92	3.55
Malayan Tin (25p) Int	6.15	4.17	17/6	—	14.99
Manbré & Garton (50p) Int	2.63	2.1	—	9.47‡	8.42
John Menzies (25p) Fin	2.97	2.37	—	5.34	[illegible]
Ocean Transport (25p) Fin	4.9	4.33	1/7	9.32	8.22
Reed & Smith (50p) Fin	1.67	1.57	20/5	3.92	3.67
Rotork Fin	0.72	0.58†	4/6	1.24	1.034
Sears Holdings (25p)	2.92	2.61	—	2.93	2.61
Silentnight (10p) Fin	3.23	3.13	1/7	3.23	4.68
Sthn Malayan (25p) Int	6.16	4.17	17/6	—	14.99
Spencer Gears (5p) Int	0.43	0.41	2/7	—	[illegible]
Sound Diffusion (5p)	0.78	Nil	8/6	0.78	[illegible]
Stag Line (£1) Int	5.39	3.22	—	—	[illegible]
Tozer Kemsley (20p) Fin	2.26	2.02	—	3.08	2.75

† Adjusted for scrip. ‡ Forecast.

Morgan Grenfell profits

Group profits of Morgan Grenfell Holdings fell from £1.3m to £961,000 during 1974. This figure is after tax and transfers to inner reserves, not before tax as was reported yesterday due to an agency error. Associated companies contributed an additional £171,000 compared to £65,000 the year before, so that total after tax profits were £1.13m, against £1.38m in 1973.

Profits were down because of the low level of stock market prices at the year end, setting up costs of new ventures and offices, and the higher rate of corporation tax.

Since the year end Morgan Grenfell & Co, the main merchant banking subsidiary, has been involved in raising funds for clients by means of five rights issues for a total amount of £135m, and it was the lead bank in arranging the £26.5m placing of British American Tobacco shares held by the Imperial Group.

Fresh court move over $35m held in London

David Samuel Trust, the secondary bankers, were relieved in the High Court yesterday of any further responsibility for handling funds held in London by Property Resources, since the collapse of its parent organization, Investors Overseas Services.

Mr Justice Oliver made the interim order in an application by Investment Properties International, a Canadian company in liquidation, which has started a High Court action claiming ownership of the money—estimated at $35m.

The deposit, with the National Westminster Bank in London, has already been frozen by a Court order. IOS, founded by Mr Bernie Cornfeld, came under the control of Mr Robert Vesco, the American financier now wanted by the United States government on fraud charges.

~~The judge said that in 1969~~ IPI received "a very large sum of money" for shares subscribed for by the public. The company was controlled by Robert Vesco and Mr Norman LeBlanc, "whose names have been associated in the past with IOS".

In 1972, another Vesco company, Value Capital Ltd, transferred certain assets to PRL, then newly incorporated, for the controlling interest in PRL.

By a second agreement, Investment Properties, which had acquired substantial assets from the shares issue, transferred its assets to PRL. These assets became the London fund whose ownership was disputed.

In their action, IPI sought to set aside these deals. Earlier, PRL arranged through a Bahamian company, Columbus Trust Company, that the London fund should be under the control of David Samuel Trust. David Samuel Trust claimed a lien against the fund for fees.

London and W'cliff cut borrowings

Shareholders of London City & Westcliff Properties were told at the annual meeting the company's immediate objective of reducing short-term borrowings has taken a significant step forward because of the planned disposal of a number of properties, mainly in the residential field.

This has resulted in transactions totalling £4.44m being completed and contracts being exchanged for a further £1.26m.

These transactions are important, said Mr Michael Pickard, the chairman, in relation to one qualification in the auditors' report, namely the directors' revaluation of United Kingdom investment property at 30 per cent below the value of the previous year's balance sheet reflecting the depression of the general property market.

Issues & Loans

Manbré and Garton, the sugar refiners and starch products group, yesterday announced a rights issue to raise £5.3m at the same time disclosing a 37 per cent jump in interim profits from £2.2m to £3m. The rights issue is of 5.5 million ordinary shares at £1 on a two-for-seven basis and on a ratio of one-for-four for every £4.9296 of 7¼ per cent convertible unsecured loan stock 1993-98.

The group said that the rights issue was primarily designed to raise finance from the capital invest programme in the starch products field. However, the cost of the programme would exceed the proceeds of the issue. The record half time results to the end of March showed a pre-tax profit increase of £809,000 boosting the interim dividend to 2.36p a share against 2.1p fo rthe same period last year. Moreover, Manbré says that it will pay a total dividend this year of 9.47p a share against 8.42p.

Turnover nearly doubled from £36.77m to £73m, but the group points out that it would be misleading to see the figure as a real indication of expansion of business in terms of volume. To a "substantial extent" the figure reflected the high price of sugar, although the improvement had been about 12 per cent in true volume terms. Earnings for ordinary shares were 7.2p (5.2p), or 6.7p (4.9p) fully diluted.

As with last year, some two-thirds of the profits came from non-sugar refining activities. The interim results follow a 27 per cent rise in pre-tax profits during the whole of last year. The company said yesterday that the results for this year should reflect the trend established in the first half. S. G. Warburg has underwritten the rights issue; brokers are L. Messel & Co.

Yearling coupon at lowest for 21 months

This week's batch of local authority yearling bonds carries a coupon of 10¾ per cent at par, the lowest since July, 1973, which compares with 11¼ per cent at par last week. The latest rate reflects the easier conditions in the short-term money market rates. The yearling rate touched a peak level of 15¾ per cent in December, 1973.

Towering over the other borrowers this week is the Greater London Council for a total of £2.5m while Lancashire County Council, the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and the Burgh of Penicuik each required £1m. Overall the value of loans was £8.75m for 13 authorities.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS

	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981	102¼	103¼
[illegible] 8¾ 1988	84	87
[illegible] 8 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
BICC 7¾ 1987	67	70
Bristol 8½ 1979	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brit Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	[illegible]	88
Burlington 7¾ 1987	87½	88½
Carrier 8 1987	86¼	87¼
Chevron 7 1980	96½	98
Conoco 7 1980	96	97½
Conoco 8 1980	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Food 7¾ 1991	82¾	83¾
Coventry 8¾ 1981	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coventry 8¾ 1980	[illegible]	[illegible]
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	101¾	102¾
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	89½	90½
Dana 8 1987	88½	89½
Denmark Kngdm 7½ 1990	83	84
Denmk Mor Bnk 7½ 1991	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dundee 9¼ 1987	91	[illegible]
Escom 9¼ 1984	88	90
Escom Floating Rate 1982	[illegible]	[illegible]
First Chicago 7 1980	93¾	94¾
First Pennsylvnia 7¾ 1984	79	82
GATX 8¼ 1987	87	88
Guardian Royal 8 1987	75	78
Hambros 7½ 1987	76	79
ICI 7¾ 1982	76	79
Internationl Util 8¼ 1982	94	95
Legal & Gn Ass 7½ 1988	73½	75½
Manchester 8¾ 1981	88	90
Mexico 8¾ 1991	[illegible]	87
Michelin 7½ 1988	81½	82½
Mitsubishi 9 1989	90½	91½
Motorola 8 1987	89¾	90¾
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	76	79
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	86	89
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	102	103
NA Rockwell 8¾ 1987	85¾	86¾
Occidental 7½ 1984	79	81
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	89¾	90¾
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pennwalt 8 1987	88½	89½
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	87¾	88¾
Scanraff 7¾ 1990	85	86
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	[illegible]	93½
Shell 7½ 1987	89½	90½
Singer 11 1977	100½	101½
Scandinavisk 10¼ 1981	103	104
Slough 8 1988	63	67
South Africa 8 1987	81	85
Standard Oil 8¼ 1980	99¼	100¼
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	95¾	96¾
Standard Oil 8½ 1988	96½	97½
Sybron 8 1987	89	90
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	82	83
Textron 7½ 1987	81½	82½
Transocean Gulf 7½ 1987	89	90
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	96	97½
Union Oil 7½ 1987	88½	89½
Venezuela 8¼ 1987	93	95
Volvo 8 1987	87½	88½
Wm Glyns 8¼ 1987	81	84

DM BONDS

	Bid	Offer
APEL (DM) 10 1981	104¼	105¼
Charter (DM) 6½ 1968/85	79¼	80¼
Courtaulds (DM) 6½ 1969/84	[illegible]	[illegible]
Denmark (DM) 9¾ 1989	100¾	101¾
Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	73¼	74¼
Goodyear (DM) 6½ 1972/87	86	87
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	91½	92½
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¾ 1980	103¼	104¼
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	87	88
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1982	104¼	105¼
Suedafrica (DM) 8½ 1970/85	89½	90½
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7½ 1988	88¾	89¾

$ CONVERTIBLES

	Bid	Offer
AMF 5 1987	60	62
American Express 4¼ 1987	79	81
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beatrice Foods 4⅞ 1992	94	96
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	101	103
Borden 5 1992	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden 6½ 1991	97	[illegible]
Broadway Hale 4½ 1987	[illegible]	70
Carnation 4 1987	83	85
Chevron 5 1992	88	90
Cummins 6¼ 1986	82	84
Dart 4½ 1987	77	79
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	110	112
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	81	83
Eaton 5 1987	70	72
Ford 5 1988	70	72
Ford 6 1986	80	82
Gillette 4¾ 1987	76	78
Gould 5 1987	73	75
General Electric 4¼ 1987	81	83
Halliburton 4¼ 1987	118	120
Harris 5 1987	65	68
Honeywell 6 1986	74	76
ITT 4½ 1987	68	70
J Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	118	120
JP Morgan 4¼ 1987	122	124
Nabisco 5½ 1988	88	90
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	84	86
JC Penney 4½ 1987	83	85
Revlon 4¾ 1987	96	98
Rank Org 4¼ 1993	46	48
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	87	89
Squibb 4¼ 1987	87	89
Texaco 4¾ 1988	79	71
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	108	110
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	91	93
Xerox Corp 5 1988	71½	73½

DM=Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

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From the Statement of the Chairman of Glynwed Limited, Mr. Leslie Fletcher.

DECLINE IN BUILDING FAILS TO HALT GROUP'S PROGRESS

"I am pleased to report that both turnover and profits before tax exceeded those of 1973 by 21.4% and 12.2% respectively.

"The decline in the building industry . . . was in a large measure offset by the buoyancy of demand for steel products, and both our steel rerolling and stockholding divisions protected the overall profitability of the group . . . an excellent example of the benefits of the programme of diversification over the past few years."

THE EFFECT OF HIGHER TAXATION

"Despite an improvement of £1.7m in profits before tax, the increase in the rate of Corporation Tax reduces the amount available for distribution to shareholders."

THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

"Our Domestic Appliances Division had a difficult year, but we believe we are now seeing a gradual improvement. On the other hand, the Plastics Division is now approaching an adequate return on capital employed, and we are now in full production of plastic baths which together with our cast iron and steel baths will complete the range.

"The particular profit earners of the year were Glynwed Steels and Steel Stockholding and Distribution, which produced record profits in all areas.

"We instituted a tighter method of central control . . . designed to provide sufficient funds to allow us to pay the Group's taxes, maintain a modest reinvestment programme, and to pay dividends to shareholders . . . at the same time generating sufficient cash simply to meet the costs of inflation."

PROSPECTS

As for an indication of profits for 1975 I can only say that with the overriding need during the next few months to generate more cash, profits may temporarily diminish, particularly if the level of industrial activity in the United Kingdom continues to decline. Defy Industries in South Africa is also feeling the effects of a downturn in building activity which cannot fail to be reflected in the results for 1975. Overall, therefore, it is not possible at this stage to expect profits to be as high as those for 1974.

Salient comparative figures	1974	1973
	£000	£000
Turnover	208,353	171,614
Group trading profit	17,493	15,830
Debenture and loan stock interest	1,783	1,825
Group profit before taxation	15,710	14,005
Group profit attributable to ordinary shareholders	6,834	7,313
Ordinary dividends	2,930	2,880
Group profit retained	3,904	4,443
Net assets employed	77,622	65,609
Capital expenditure	5,406	5,068
Depreciation	3,453	3,192
Earnings on ordinary capital	58.6%	63.4%
Dividends per ordinary share	6.2785p	6.2785p

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"The Metalmasters"

LLOYDS BANK BASE RATE

Lloyds Bank announces that, with effect from Wednesday, 23rd April, 1975, its Base Rate for lending *is reduced from 10½% to 9½%.*

The rate of interest allowed on seven-day notice Deposit accounts and on Savings Bank accounts will be 6¼%.

Lloyds Bank

BASE RATE

Standard and Chartered Banking Group Limited announce that as from and including 22nd April 1975, Base Rate of its constituent Banks, The Standard Bank Limited and The Chartered Bank, is as follows:—

Base Rate decreased from 10½% to 9½% per annum.

Deposit Rate effective from the same date will be a basic of 6¼% per annum.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Haden Carrier rises by 50pc

Haden Carrier's turnover increased by almost 50 per cent to £127m in 1974, but pre-tax profits, reflecting the incidence of completions, would have been down from £1.78m to £1.4m had the group not adopted a new basis of accounting. Relating to a change in the valuation of work in progress, the new basis gives pre-tax profits of £3.03m last year as against £2.06m in 1973.

There are problems at the group's United Kingdom metal *finishing subsidiary, which has* been making losses on long-term *contracts,* and which is now likely to suffer from the diffi*culties of the automobile indus*try. But other divisions are *reported* to have done well, and the group has high hopes of its *business overseas,* and particularly in the Middle East. Last *year 57 per cent of trading pro*fit and 41 per cent of turnover *arose in overseas companies.*

Audiotronic drops

Shareholders of the Audiotronic hi-fi group will not be receiving a final dividend and *are left* with a total of *5p* gross, against 6.5p. Taxable *profits* for 1974 *are nearly* halved from £1.9m to £1.02m, although turnover increased from £13.3m to £16.5m.

The Budget is expected to drastically affect the trading pattern this year with sales during the summer months becoming "severely depressed" following the introduction of VAT at 25 per cent. More normal trading is expected in the autumn.

Looking back at 1974, the board said that it realized early on that safeguarding liquidity was a prime aim, so old stocks were cleared out and borrowings were cut by over £1.3m.

Brighter Davies and Newman

Reporting profits last *year* up from £1.03m to £1.13m pre-tax, Davies & Newman, *ship*brokers, shipping agents and *airline operators, say that the* business in hand should be *sufficient to produce another* satisfactory year. Total turnover *rose from £29.6m to £39.1m.*

Of turnover and profits, shipping *contributed* £933,000 (£936,000) and £355,000 *(£430,000) respectively and* aviation £37.4m (£28.7m) and £853,000 *(£684,000).*

Dale Electric jumps

Dale Electric International, the Yorkshire-based group, returned record turnover and profits in 1974 for the sixth successive year. Taxable profits jumped 37 per cent from £788,000 to top £1m for the first time at £1,035,000; turnover leapt from £4.9m to £6.32m. Earnings a share were up from 7.57p to 10.6p and the already *paid total dividend* was *raised* from 5.5p to 6.18p.

Tougher year at CRA

Mr Rod Carnegie, chairman of Conzinc Riotinto of Australia (CRA), has given a warning that the company and its subsidiaries face a considerable drop in earnings in 1975.

He said inflation, plus a drop in world demand for the company's products—copper, lead, zinc, aluminium and iron ore—have caused lower production in many operations. Conservation was basic to the short-term aims of the company and all investments and expenditure are being curtailed.

Silentnight setback

The decline in profits from the 1973 peak of £1.2m has continued at Silentnight Holdings. For 1974 the taxable total fell from £938,000 to £380,000 on turnover up from £14.1m to £16.4m. Earnings a share are 1.7p, against 4.1p, while the dividend is cut from 4.63 to 3.23p.

Profitability improved in the second half at this maker of divan beds and upholstered furniture, and this trend has continued into the present year. The liquidity position is also brighter.

Warning by Anchor

Although 1974 was a record year for Anchor Chemicals, with taxable profits going up from £287,000 to £387,000, the improvement trailed off in the second half and conditions this year are "extremely difficult". Lord Hewlett, chairman, cannot be optimistic about this year, although the group's basic strength is unimpared. The dividend is raised from 4.58p to 5.15p.

Wall Street

New York, April 22.—Wall Street closed narrowly lower today, *abandoning gains it made* early in the session.

The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 1.72 to 814.14. It *was ahead more than eight points* at its best level of the day.

Declining issues narrowly outran gains about 760 to 700. Advances led by more than two-to-one in early trading. Volume *totalled 26,120,000 shares compared* with 23,960,000 yesterday.

Analysts attributed the early gain largely to a United States *Government report* that consumer prices rose in March at an adjusted *3.6 per cent rate*—half the gain of February and the slowest rate of advance in 20 months.

They said the market pulled back in part on continuing rises in short-term money market rates and concern that the Federal Reserve no longer was lowering its target range on federal funds.

Polaroid was one of the most active big board issues, slipping 2⅞ to 29⅞.

NY silver off 7c

New York, April 22.—COMEX SILVER slipped late in the session to close at the lows. Final prices ranged from 6.00c to 7.00c down. Volume was moderate at 5,186 contracts. April, 422.50c; May, 425.00c; June, 426.10c; July, 429.20c; Sept, 435.30c; Dec, 444.20c; Jan, 446.90c; March, 452.60c; May, 458.50c; July, 464.00c. Handy and Harman 428.00c (previous 434.50c); Handy and Harman of Canada, Canadian $4.34 (Canadian $4.51).

GOLD futures closed mixed with the New York Comex $0.90 to $1.50 higher and the Chicago IMM $1.60 to $3.50 *lower.* Comex sales totalled 1,132 lots and IMM sales were estimated at 1,663 lots. NY COMEX.—April, $165.80; May, $166.00; June, $166.70; August, $168.80; Oct, $170.90; Dec, $173.10; Feb, $175.40; April, $177.70; June, $180.00; Aug, $182.30. CHICAGO IMM, *—June, $166.80; Sept, $169.80-170.00;* Dec, $173.10; March, $176.80; June, $178.20; Sept, $182.50.

COPPER.—*Tone steady;* 795 sales—April, 57.30c; May, 57.30c; June, 57.90c; July, 58.50c; Sept, 59.70c; Dec, 61.50c; Jan, 62.00c; March, 63.00c; May, 64.10c.

SUGAR.—Tone was quiet, with an estimated 2,591 sales.—Spot, 26.00c off 0.50c; May, 26.10-26.00c; July, 25.55-25.25c; Sept, 25.95-25.85c; Oct, 25.55-25.20c; Jan, 20.65c nominal; March, 20.50c; May, 19.60c; July, 18.80c; Sept, 17.85c nominal.

COCOA.—Futures closed around the day's highs, up 0.55c to 0.75c. Volume *was* 2,190 lots, *including* 412 exchanges and a few hundred contract transfers.—May, 54.40c; July, 51.50c; Sept, 51.20c; Dec, 51.40c; March, 51.25c; May, 51.10c; July, 50.80c. Spots: Ghana 68, Bahia 60½.

COFFEE.—Futures closed 1.00c to 1.75c *lower. Sales were 325 contracts.* May, 47.90-48.00c; July, 49.60-49.00c; Sept, 50.50-50.30c; Nov, 50.50c nominal; Dec, 51.00-51.30c; March, 51.90-52.00c.

COTTON.—Futures closed about 1.00c to 1.25c down. Volume was 5,800 contracts May, 41.50c; July, 45.10-45.30c; Oct, 46.75c; Dec, 47.30-47.45c; March, 48.30c; May, 49.15-49.25c; *July, 49.75c; Oct, 50.00c.*

WOOL.—Grease wool futures 1.0c to 3.0c higher. Crossbred were tradeless. GREASE WOOL.—Spot, 121.0c nominal; May, 125.0-128.0c; July, 131.0-134.0c; Oct, 132.0-136.0c; Dec, 136.0-138.0c; March, 139.0c; May, *140.0c; July, 141.0c. CROSSBRED.*—Spot, 76.0c nominal; May, 72.0-81.0c; July, 77.0-87.0c; Oct, 78.0c; Dec, 83.0c; *March,* 85.0c; *May,* 86.0c; *July,* 87.0c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Soyabean oil was offered limit down in nearbys to 0.65c lower in back months. Meal fell $6.00 to $3.80. Limit declines in soyabeans aided final selling. SOYABEANS.—May, 560c; July, 547½c; Aug, 545½c; Sept, 537½c; Nov, 531½c; Jan, 536½c; March, 541½-545½c; May, 549c; July, 554c. SOYABEAN MEAL—May, $121.50; July, $124.50-125.00; Aug, $126.50-127.00; Sept, $127.00-128.00; Oct, $129.50-130.00; Dec, $133.00; Jan, $135.00; March, $138.00-138.50; May, $140.00-140.50; July, $143.00-145.00. SOYABEAN OIL.—May, 25.70c; July, 24.08c; Aug, 23.95c; Sept, 22.98c; Oct, 22.05c; Dec, 20.95-21.00c; Jan, 20.50-20.40c; March, *20.20-20.10c;* May, 19.70-19.80c; July, 19.20c.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed *easier 3½c to 6½c lower.* May, [illegible]; July, [illegible]; Sept, [illegible]; Dec, 343-343½c; March, [illegible]. MAIZE closed easier 1½c to 4½c [illegible]. May, 281-280½c; July, [illegible]; Sept, 271½-272c; Dec, [illegible]; March, 259¼c; May, 262½c. O[illegible] *closed mixed 3½c lower to 1c higher.* May, 165½-166c; July, [illegible]; Sept, 142½c; Dec, 145½-146¼c.

	Apr 22	Apr 21
Allied Chem.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Supermkt.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allis Chalmers	10½	10½
Alcoa	[illegible]	47½
Amax Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	17
Am. Airlines	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Broadcast	21½	[illegible]
Am. Can.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Cyan.	17	[illegible]
Am. El. Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Home	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Nat. Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Smelt	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Tel.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amf. Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Anaconda	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armco Steel	[illegible]	19
Ashland Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atl. Richfield	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avon Prod.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Babcock & Wcox	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bankers Tst NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of Am	[illegible]	41 h
Bank of N.Y.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beat Fds.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bect. Dick	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell & Howell	17	17½
Bendix	[illegible]	38
Beth Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boeing	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borg Warner	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Myers	[illegible]	[illegible]
UP	[illegible]	[illegible]
Budd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burl. Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Nthn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burroughs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Campbell Soup	29	[illegible]
Canadian Pac.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Caterpillar	[illegible]	[illegible]
Celanese	[illegible]	[illegible]
Central Soya	13	[illegible]
Charter N.Y.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chase Manhat.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chessapeake Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chrysler	[illegible]	11
Citicorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cities Serv.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clark Equip	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coca Cola	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colgate	30	[illegible]
C U.S.	[illegible]	50
Columbia Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Comb Eng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Comw. Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Con. Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Foods	14	[illegible]
Cons Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cont. Can.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cont. Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Control Data	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corning Glass	[illegible]	[illegible]
C.P.C. Intnl.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crane	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crocker Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crown Zeller	[illegible]	31
Dart Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deere	[illegible]	[illegible]
Del Monte	[illegible]	[illegible]
Delta Air	[illegible]	[illegible]
Detroit Edison	[illegible]	11
Disney	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dresser Ind.	[illegible]	55
Duke Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Du Pont	122	[illegible]
Eastern Air	[illegible]	[illegible]
East. Kodak	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eaton Corp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
El Paso G.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Equitable Life	[illegible]	15
Esmark	[illegible]	[illegible]
Evans P. D.	5	[illegible]
Exxon Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Firestone	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst. Nt. Boston	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst Penn Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford	[illegible]	[illegible]
G A F. Corp.	10	10
Gamble Skogmo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Dynam.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Gen. Instr.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Mills	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Pub Util N.Y.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Tel. El.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Tire	[illegible]	[illegible]
Genesco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Georgia Pac.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Getty Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gillette	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodrich	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodyear	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gould Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grace	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grant W.T.	5	[illegible]
Gt. Atl. & Pac.	11	[illegible]
Greyhound	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grumman Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf Wn. Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Heinz, H. J.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hercules	[illegible]	[illegible]
Honeywell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Illinois Cent Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ingersoll	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inland Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
I.B.M.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int. Harv.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int. Nickel	[illegible]	27
Int. Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int. Tel. Tel.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jewel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jim Walter	[illegible]	[illegible]
Johns Manv.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Johnson & John	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kaiser Alum.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kennecott	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kerr McGee	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kimb. Clk.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kraftco Cp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kresge S.S.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kroger	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ligg. Myer	[illegible]	[illegible]
L.T.V.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Litton	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lockheed	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lucky Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Magnavox	[illegible]	[illegible]
Manuf Hanover	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mapco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marathon Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marcor Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marine Mid.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Martin Mar.	[illegible]	[illegible]
McDonnell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mead	[illegible]	16
Merck	[illegible]	[illegible]
Minn. Min.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mobil Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Monsanto	[illegible]	[illegible]
Morgan. J. P.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motorola	[illegible]	[illegible]
NCR Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
NL Ind	[illegible]	16
Nat. Bisc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat. Distill.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norfolk West	[illegible]	[illegible]
NW Bancor	40	[illegible]
Norton Simon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Occ. Pet.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ogden	[illegible]	[illegible]
Olin Corp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Otis Elev.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Owens Ill	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pac. Gas. El.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pan. Am	4	4
Penn Cent.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Penney J C	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pennzoil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pepsico	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pet Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pfizer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phelps. Dod.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Philip Mor.	[illegible]	56
Phill. Pet.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Polaroid	[illegible]	[illegible]
P.P.G. Ind.	28	[illegible]
Proc Gamble	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pub.Ser.El & Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pullman	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rapid American	[illegible]	[illegible]
Raytheon	[illegible]	40
RCA Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Repub. Steel	34	35
Reynolds Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reynolds Metal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rockwell Int.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Dutch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Safeways	[illegible]	[illegible]
St Regis	[illegible]	23
Santa Fe Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
SCM	[illegible]	[illegible]

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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scott Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seaboard Coast	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sears Roe	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Trans.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Signal Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Singer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sony	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sth Cal Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southern Pac.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southern Rly.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sperry Rand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Squibb	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std. Brand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std. Oil Cal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std. Oil Ind.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std. Oil Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling Drug	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stevens J.P.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stude. Worth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sunbeam Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sundstrand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sun Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Teledyne	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenneco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texaco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas East Trans	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas Inst	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas Utilities	[illegible]	[illegible]
Textron	[illegible]	[illegible]
T.W.A.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Travelers Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
T.R.W. Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
U.A.L. Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Unilever Ltd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Unilever N.V.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Carb	[illegible]	[illegible]
Un. Oil Cal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Un. Pacific Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Uniroyal	[illegible]	[illegible]
United Aircraft	[illegible]	[illegible]
United Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Utd Merch & Man	[illegible]	[illegible]
U.S. Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
U.S. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warner Comm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warner Lambert	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wells Fargo	[illegible]	[illegible]
West'n Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Westing El	[illegible]	[illegible]
Weyerhaeuser	[illegible]	[illegible]
Whirlpool	[illegible]	[illegible]
White Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]
Woolworth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Xerox Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zenith	[illegible]	[illegible]

Canadian Prices

	Apr 21	[illegible]
Abitibi	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcan	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alg. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Asbestos	17 h	[illegible]
Bell Tel.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Can. Sup. Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Can. Inv. Fd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cominco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons. Bat	[illegible]	[illegible]
Distiller	[illegible]	[illegible]
Falconbridge	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hawker Can	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hud. Bay Min	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hud. Bay Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
I.A.C. Ltd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Husky	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imp. Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int. Pipe	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mass.-Ferguson	[illegible]	[illegible]
Power Cp.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Price Bros	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]
Steel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tex. Can.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Trans. Mnt. Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Walker H.	[illegible]	[illegible]
W.C.T.	[illegible]	[illegible]

• Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.3378 ([illegible]); three months, *$2.3090 ([illegible]); Canadian dollar,* 98.60c ([illegible]).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index fell 3.02 to 303.96. The futures index was off 4.74 at [illegible].

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 814.14 (815.85); transportation, 169.86 (171.13); utilities, [illegible] *(76.50); 65 stocks,* [illegible].

New York Stock Exchange index 46.14 (46.24); industrials, [illegible] (51.38); transportation, 32.50 ([illegible]); utilities, 30.16 ([illegible]); financial 48.58 ([illegible]).

Unilever results for 1974

Extracts from the Report and Accounts for 1974 published on April 22nd.

> "Helped by the diversity and wide geographical spread of our interests, operating profit was maintained at about the level of the previous year; *a marked fall in profit from food and animal feeds in Europe* was offset by substantial improvements in other parts of the business, notably chemicals, paper, plastics, packaging, UAC International, and the United States and Canada. After taxation and interest charges however, profit attributable to ordinary capital was below that of 1973.
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> The Boards' ordinary dividend proposals reflect the fact that in 1973, when combined earnings rose substantially, N.V. was prevented by statutory controls from increasing its dividend. But for this the Boards would have proposed increases in the 1973 dividends of both companies.
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> The proposals represent an increase of 8 per cent in N.V.'s total dividend for the year. Shareholders in Limited will receive the maximum payment permitted by the statutory controls in the United Kingdom, leaving a balance of dividends declared to be carried forward for payment when circumstances permit."

Salient figures taken from the Report and Accounts

	1973 £ million	**1974** **£ million**
Sales to third parties	4492	**5843**
Operating profit	338	**357**
Taxation on profit of the year	156	**162**
Profit of the year attributable to ordinary capital before extraordinary items	160	**155**
Ordinary dividends	50	**59**
Earnings Per 25p of capital	43.02p	**41.76p**
Dividends Per 25p of capital	10.63p	**12.48p***

*Because of the increase in the rate of advance corporation tax, this figure is subject to adjustment. The adjustment will be announced as soon as possible. It will only affect the balance of Limited's dividend carried forward for later payment which will be slightly reduced.

Unilever comprises Unilever Limited, Unilever N.V. and their respective subsidiaries which operate in more than seventy countries. The Report and Accounts of Limited as usual combine the results and operations of Limited and N.V. with figures expressed in sterling. The Report and Accounts of N.V. give the same information in the Dutch language with the figures expressed in guilders. English, French and German translations of the Dutch version, with the figures remaining in guilders, are also published. Copies of all versions are available from Information Division, Unilever House, London EC4P 4BQ and from Unilever N.V. Burg. s'Jacobplein 1, Rotterdam.

Thomas Tilling Limited

Points from Sir Geoffrey Eley's Review of 1974

Group profit before interest at £40.4m. was virtually unchanged.

The fall in profit before tax was more than accounted for by lower earnings from Vehicle Distribution and Construction Materials.

Improved profits were contributed by most other sectors, particularly Engineering and Electrical Wholesaling.

Group sales increased to £550m.

Overseas interests were extended and £24.5m. was invested in capital equipment.

There was no material increase in trading capital during the year.

Funds invested in the Volkswagen franchises should reduce in 1975.

A £10m. medium term loan was arranged early in 1975.

	1974 £m	1973 £m
Sales	550.7	510.9
Group profit before interest and tax	40.4	40.3
Group profit before tax	29.1	34.4
Profit before deferred tax attributable to shareholders	29.4	21.2
Dividend per ordinary share	2.97p	2.7p

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Graham Building Services Ltd.
F. J. Reeves Ltd.
Etablissements H. Gilg S.A.
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND SERVICES
Palmers Scaffolding Ltd.
William R. Selwood Ltd.
Tilling Construction Services Ltd.
ELECTRICAL WHOLESALING
Newey & Eyre Ltd.
ENGINEERING
D. C. E. Vokes Group Ltd.
Gascoigne, Gush & Dent Ltd.
Hanson Transmissions International N.V.
Hobourn Group Ltd.
FURNITURE AND BEDS
Rest Assured Ltd.

INSURANCE
Cornhill Insurance Co. Ltd.
MEDICAL SUPPLIES
International Medical Supplies & Services Ltd.
PUBLISHING AND PRINTING
The Heinemann Group of Publishers Ltd.
Cox & Wyman Ltd.
TEXTILES
Pretty Polly Ltd.
TILES AND POTTERY
Pilkington's Tiles Holdings Ltd.
VEHICLE DISTRIBUTION
Stratstone Ltd.
Volkswagen (G.B.) Ltd.

Ofrex Group Limited

Extracts from Mr George Drexler's statement

Report and accounts from:
The Secretary,
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Sales 27% up at £20.8 m.
Pre-tax profit 28% up at 2.7 m.
Total dividend distribution for 1974 is 3.25p per share.
A scrip issue of *one ordinary share* for every five held is proposed.

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Shipton sale boosts Sound Diffusion

Following the sale of Shipton Automation, electronic engineers, Sound Diffusion have moved back into the black and in the half year to December 31 return pre-tax profits of £479,000 against a loss of £603,000 for the previous 15-month period. This includes extraordinary net profits of £380,000 against losses of £238,000. A dividend of 0.78p is being paid for the six-month period whereas nothing was paid for the 15-month term.

Aquascutum

With overseas trade now representing 56 per cent of sales, narrower margins at home were offset at the Aquascutum & Associates clothing group. Trading profits were £1.08m (against £1.07m) on sales of £12.5m (£11.7m). Earnings a share were 3.07p (3.36p), and the dividend 1.72p (1.54p).

Natwest in Malta

The Maltese Government is to put a 25 per cent stake in Lombard Bank Malta, a National Westminster subsidiary, for M£37,500. A government-*nominated director is to be* appointed and the government has the option to raise its holding to 60 per cent over the next 10 years.

UK metal stocks

Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week *(in tonnes unless otherwise stated)*:
Copper rose by 9,600 to 194,675;
Tin rose by 700 to 5,355;
Lead rose by 4,975 to 36,075;
Zinc rose by 2,875 to 13,600;
Silver unchanged at 12,650,000 troy ounces.

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Finance for Ind 13¼% Ln (£99¾s)	£28
GLC 12¾% 1982 (£97.05)	£9⅞
Kellock 10p Cnv Units	£12
Lincoln Corp 13% 1980 (£99)	£5
Mid Southern Wtr 10% 1980 (*b)	£12½
Slough Ests 10% Cnv (100)	£141-8
Southend 12¾% 1981 (£99¾a)	£46¾
Sth Staffs Wtr 10% Rd Pf (†)	£10¾
Sutton Wtr 10% Rd Pf 1980 (†)	£10⅝
Warwickshire 12¾% 1980 (£99¾b)	£11¾
Yorks Chem 13¼% Cnv (£100)	£46 prem

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Barratt Dev (80)	May 23	113+6
Berisford (88)	May 9	126+4
Bridon (65)	May 16	138+2
Cons Gold Fields (186)	May 16	265+6
Croda Int (104)	May 2	53 prem+3
EMI (80)	May 2	150+15
Fothergill and H. (32)	May 23	21 prem+3
General Mining (R32)	May 2	50 prem+10
Guardian R E (130)	May 2	212+15
Macpherson, D. (25)	May 16	34
Midland Bank (165)	May 2	270+15
Rolls-R Motors (36)	May 27	22½ prem+3
RTZ (125)	May 2	185+12
Sketchley Ord (38)	May 16	62+3
Spirax-Sarco (77)		38 prem
Steetley (90)	May 22	125+4
Tube Inv (190)	May 9	67 prem+10
Unigate (39)	May 9	18+1

Issued price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. e £30 paid. f £50 paid.

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75 Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
35	Armitage & Rhodes	44	—	3.0	6.8	4.9
90	Henry Sykes	121	—	4.9	4.1	7.7
29	Twinlock Ord	33	—	0.8	2.6	7.7
45	Twinlock 12% ULS	58	—	12.0	20.7	—

Commodities

Cocoa rebounds by up to £19

COCOA futures were irregular yesterday during a heavily-traded afternoon, but moved up in the closing stages to finish on a steady note. Final levels were just short of newly-established "highs" for the day.

On-balance gains ranged from £19.00 (nearby May) to £5.00 per tonne.

Dealers said the late support—short-covering and stop-orders—was partly instigated by the BCTC's temporary suspension of all cocoa bean sales on a price-fixing basis and all product-sales on a ratio basis.

Turnover of 11,830 lots was considerably enlarged by block self-trading partly on a tie-basis plus switch deals, dealers said.

Futures staged a technical rally yesterday morning after a two-week period of sustained easiness. On-balance gains at 13.00 *hours ranged from* £12.00 to £8.50 per tonne, although near positions were modestly short of the morning's higher levels.

Support was largely attributed to short-covering and possible price-fixing and did not reflect, certain sources said, any noteworthy revival of resale physicals interest.

Some sources felt the market had possibly reached a trading plateau now that the adverse effects of the recent grindings figures had been taken into account.

May, £508.0-11.0 a metric ton; July, £517.5-9.5; Sept, £518.0-20.0; Dec, £535.0-7.0; March, £540.0-2.0; May, £537.0-45.0; July, £540.0-1.0. Sales: 11,830 lots, including 16 options. ICO prices, daily, 52.31c; 15-day average, 58.65c; 22-day 59.63c (US cents a lb).

COPPER.—Wire bars were steady yesterday; cathodes were inactive.—Afternoon:—Cash wire bars, £559-60.00 a metric ton; three months, £576.50-77.50. Sales, 3,525 tons (about half carries). Cash cathodes, £549-50.00; three months, £566-67.00. Sales, 200 tons (all carries). Morning.—Cash wire bars, £560-60.50; three months, £577-77.50. Settlement, £557.50. Sales, 8,900 tons. Cash cathodes, £548-50.00; three months, £565.50-66.50. Settlement, £549.00. Sales, 1,395 tons.

SILVER was very steady.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 181.25p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 426.4); three months, 185.05p (430.0c); six months, 189.80p (435.1c); one-year 201.30p (449.6c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 182.4-82.6p; three months, 186.4-86.6p; seven months, 192.45.0p. Sales, 53 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 181.6-81.8p; three months, 185.4-85.5p; seven months, 191.2-91.7p. Settlement, 181.8p. Sales, 24 lots.

TIN.—Standard metal was steady; high-grade was idle.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £2,990-95 a metric ton; three months, £3,022-24. Sales, 240 tons (about half carries). High grade, cash, £2,990-95; three months, £3,022-24. Sales, nil. Morning.—Standard cash, £2,995-97; three months £3,023-25. Settlement, £2,997. Sales, 250 tons. High grade, cash, £2,995-97; three months, £3,023-27. Settlement, £2,997. Sales, nil. Singapore tin ex-works, SM945 a picul.

LEAD was steady, quiet.—Afternoon.—Cash, £199-99.25 a metric ton; three months, £196.25-96.50. Sales, 700 tons (mainly carries). Morning.—Cash, £199-99.25; three months, £196.25-96.50. Settlement, £199.25. Sales, 1,850 tons.

ZINC was steady, quiet. Afternoon.—Cash, £332-32.50 a metric ton; three months, £328-28.50. Sales, 1,150 tons (about half carries). Morning.—Cash, £331.50-32.00; three months, £328-28.50. Settlement, £332.00. Sales, 1,775 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM fell by 25p yesterday to £60.75-62.75 ($143-$148) a troy ounce.

JUTE quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade April-May, £244.00; "D" grade April-May, £234.00 per long ton. Calcutta steady.—Indian, April-May, Rs455.00; Dundee Daisee, April-May, Rs395.00 per bale of 400lb.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady.—May, 157.0-60.0p per kilo; July, 160.0-65.0p; Oct, 165.5-67.0p; Dec, 168.0-70.0p; March, 172.0-75.0p; May, 173.0-77.0p; July, 174.0-79.0p; Oct, 179.0-82.0p. Sales: nil.

RUBBER closed irregular.—May, 26.45-27.20p per kilo; June, 27.30-27.75p; July/Sept, 27.75-27.95p; Oct/Dec, 29.00-29.05; Jan/March, 30.15-30.20p; April/June, 30.95-31.00p; July/Sept, 31.50-31.60p; Oct/Dec, 32.00-32.05p; Jan/March, 32.45-32.55p. Sales: 144 lots at 15 tonnes each.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were slightly easier.—Spot: 25.50-27.00p. Cif's: May, 24.75-25.00p; June, 25.25-25.75p.

EGGS.—Home-produced: The market in general has stabilized at the higher levels reported last week. Demand continues good.

Imported: A good trade continues with arrivals clearing readily.

Home-produced market prices (in £, based on trading packer first-hand):

	Wed/Thur Fri	Mon/Tue
WHITE		
large	£3.60 to 3.75	£3.60 to 3.75
standard	£3.30 to 3.50	£3.40 to 3.60
medium	£2.70 to 2.90	£2.70 to 2.90
small	£2.20 to 2.50	£2.30 to 2.50
BROWN		
large	£3.80 to 3.90	£3.80 to 3.50
standard	£3.45 to 3.60	£3.45 to 3.60

Imported prices (in £): Current week's (April 21-26): French 1's, [illegible] to 3.10; [illegible] 2.55 to 2.60; 5's, 2.15 to 2.25; Dutch 1's, [illegible] to 3.05; 5's, £2.45 to [illegible]; 8's, £2.15 to 2.20. Belgian [illegible] to 2.50; 6's, £2.15 to 2.20.

Note: All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Keyes trays. The above range is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent upon location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF: Scotch killed sides, 25.0-37.0p per lb; English hindquarters, 32.0-44.0p; English forequarters, 18.0-27.0p; Eire hindquarters, 31.0-40.0p; Eire forequarters, 24.0-29.0p.

VEAL: English fats, 34.0-42.0p; English heads, 15.0-17.0p; English mediums, 14.0-16.0p; English bobbies, 12.0-14.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 57.0-62.0p.

LAMB: English small New season, 40.0-48.0p; English medium New season, 40.0-45.0p; English heavy New season, 40.0-42.0p.

Imported frozen: New Zealand D's, 29.0-30.0p; New Zealand 2's, 27.0-28.0p; New Zealand 8's, 28.0-28.5p; New Zealand YL's, 24.0-29.5p.

HOGGETS: English, 33.0-34.0p; Scotch, 30.0-32.0p.

EWES: 12.0-15.0p.

PORK: English, under 100 lb, 29.0-34.0p; 100-120 lb, 25.0-33.5p; 120-160 lb, 24.0-32.0p; 160-180 lb, 26.0-28.0p; 180 lb and over 22.0-26.0p.

COFFEE.—ROBUSTAS closed directly steady yesterday, at £2.50 to £5.00 a tonne down on balance.—May, £412.5-14.0 a metric ton; July, £410.0-10.5; Sept, £407.5-09.0; Nov, £408.0-08.5; Jan, £409.5-10.5; March, £410.5-11.5; May, £412.0-13.0. Sales: 580 lots, including eight options.

ARABICAS finished steady at 75 to 150 points lower.—April, £59.60-60.50 per 50 kilos; June, £53.00-55.00; Aug, £57.00-57.10; Oct, £57.20-57.90; Dec, £57.80-58.00; Feb, £58.00-58.50; April, £58.50-58.70. Sales: 57 lots.

SUGAR.—Yesterday afternoon, futures fluctuated over a fairly narrow price range with day-trader operations evident on both sides of the market. Values finally closed steady £0.25 to £2.25 lower on balance in a turnover of 2,250 lots.

The London daily price was raised by £5 to £265 a long ton.—May, £260.00-60.50 a long ton; Aug, £245.00-48.50; Oct, £232.00-34.00; Dec, £221.00-21.50; March, £210.50-10.55; May, £201.00-02.00; Aug, £194.50-95.50, 153 prices, 26.45c, 17-day average, 27.58c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—Aug, £69.60-8.70 per metric ton; Oct, £70.30-0.40; Dec, £72.50-1.60; Feb, £75.10-5.20; April, £75.10-5.20; June, £77.70-6.30; Aug, £76.50-6.70. Sales, 147 lots.

TEA.—A total of 2,605 packages of Sri Lanka teas was offered at yesterday's auction according to the Tea-brokers' Association. Demand continued to be limited and there were heavy withdrawals of plainest sorts. The few brighter liquoring teas sold well.

At the opening, the 577 packages *of South India teas met a good general* demand at firm rates, but prices declined with heavy withdrawals towards the close.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—EEC barley attracted a fair buying enquiry for April and May shipment to various United Kingdom ports and to Southern Ireland, but actual business was slow to develop. A small tonnage traded for April to the east coast United Kingdom. Other sections of the imported grains market were subdued.—WHEAT.—US Dark northern spring number two 14 per cent, May, £81.50; June, £80.50; July, £78.90—trans-shipment east coast. US hard winter number two ord, May £78.75 direct shipment Tilbury. MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American—French April £51.25; May, £52.00; June, £53.25 trans-shipment east coast. BARLEY.—EEC feed.—April, £48.75; May, £49.25; June, £50.25 trans-shipment east coast. All a long ton, cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin. BARLEY steady.—May, £48.70; Sept, £52.50; Nov, £54.60; Jan, £56.70; March, £58.75. WHEAT, barely steady.—May, £48.70; Sept, £53.90; Nov, £56.40; Jan, £58.40; March, £60.50.—All a long ton.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices.—Soft milling WHEAT.—King's Lynn £50.95.—Feeding BARLEY.—Edinburgh £48.45; King's Lynn £48.50.

Discount market

Fresh credit was tight in the discount market throughout yesterday and the Bank of England gave small scale help to relieve the situation. This assistance seemed rather less than the situation warranted.

Rates opened at about 9 per cent and houses were able to find reasonable sums before the picture *became patchy. Closing balances* proved hard to find at rates in the range of 9 to 9½ per cent.

FC CONSTRUCTION

Turnover for 1974, £3.6m (£3.3m). Net profit, £181,000 (£145,000). Earnings a share, 6.84p (5.47p). Dividend is 3.99p (3.55p).

Foreign Exchange

Sterling closed yesterday at its weakest-ever against the major currencies on a trade-weighted basis.

The Bank of England "effective" sterling rate stood sharply lower at 22.5 per cent, compared with the overnight 22.1 per cent.

The pound closed at $2.3530 against the dollar, down 70 points. Dealers noted that sterling improved sharply from $2.3500-10 in late trading and said the Bank of England may have given the rate an upward push.

Dealers noted demand for investment currency was a record, with *the investment dollar premium* touching a peak of 101.75 per cent at one stage.

The dollar eased generally in Europe, with large losses against the French franc which closed at 4.[illegible]-90 (4.1995-2020 overnight).

Gold rose by 25 cents, to close at [illegible].75 an ounce.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) April 22	Market rates (close) April 22
New York	$2.3500-3570	[illegible]
Montreal	$2.3525-3590	[illegible]
Amsterdam	5.72½-[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	82.40-[illegible]	[illegible]
Copenhagen	13.09-13 [illegible]	[illegible]
Frankfurt	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Oslo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	[illegible]	[illegible]

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 up 0.4 to 22.5 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	[illegible]	[illegible]
Montreal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amsterdam	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	[illegible]	[illegible]
Copenhagen	[illegible]	[illegible]
Frankfurt	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Milan	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oslo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	[illegible]	[illegible]

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), [illegible].

Eurodollar deposits [illegible]

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $169.20 (an ounce); pm, $[illegible].

Krugerrand (per coin): [illegible]

Money Market Rates

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THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 22.04.75 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1967):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	142.63	6.40	13.37	135.63
Largest Coys.	141.36	6.22	13.14	133.75
Smaller Coys.	146.70	6.95	15.85	142.52
Capital Goods	145.31	6.57	14.21	140.36
Consumer Goods	160.48	6.42	12.43	154.41
Store Shares	140.48	6.54	7.09	131.72
Largest financial shares	187.52	4.87	—	183.32
Largest financial and industrial shares	152.02	5.37	—	143.19
Commodity shares	211.79	4.22	14.24	207.40
Gold Mining shares	590.77	5.41	8.19	589.69
Industrial debenture stocks	76.35	8.12*	—	76.36
Industrial preference stocks	45.21	15.20*	—	43.50
3½% War Loan	23⅝	14.44*	—	23⅝

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	193.47 (15.08.72)	89.18 (12.12.74)
1975	142.63 (22.04.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	176.18 (28.02.74)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1973	191.33 (12.01.73)	120.29 (14
1972	193.47 (15.08.72)	174.46 (1
1971	174.77 (31.12.71)	122.23
1970	145.72 (14.01.70)	110.7

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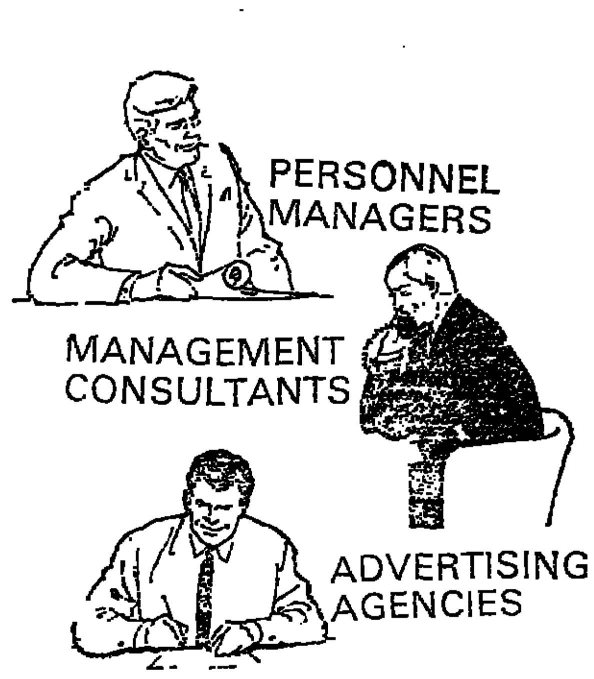

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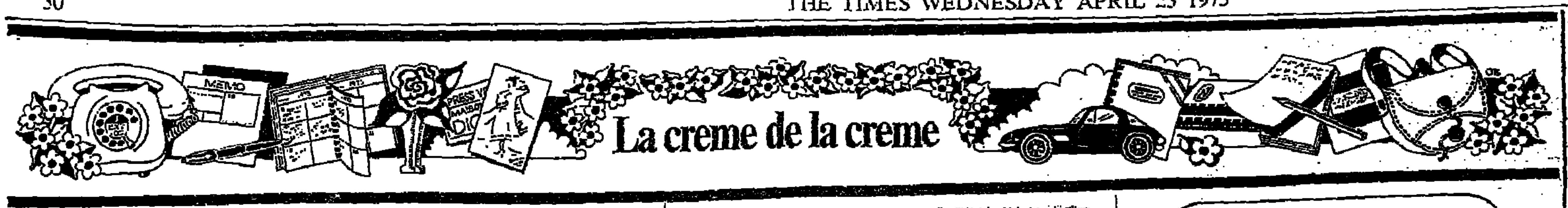

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...5.20 pm, Elephant ... 6.00, Westward ... Crossroads. 7.00, ... Westward. 11.28- ...r Life.

BBC 2

6.40-7.55 am, Open University:* Circulation of the Blood. 7.05, Mining. 7.30, Carboxylic Acids. 7.55, Closedown. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 5.00-7.05 pm, Open University:* Curriculum Studies. 5.25, The Einstein Tower. 5.50, The Urban Migrants. 6.15, The Trend of Specialization. 6.40, Music—Sound and Notation. 7.05, Worlds Without Sun.

7.30 Newsday. 7.45, Documentary: The Bird Men of Steyning Bowl, about Hang-gliding.
8.10 Chapel of Kings 1475-1975: the building of St George's Chapel, Windsor, began 500 years ago. Tom Fleming recalls the story.
9.00 Lakeland Summer.
9.25 The Fight Against Slavery: part 6: Free Paper Come.
10.15 One Man's Week: John Fortune.
10.45 News Extra.
11.15 Closedown: Margaret Tyzack reads Cock-a-Doo by Stevie Smith.

Anglia

12.00 am, Thames. 5.20 pm, Elephant Boy. 5.50, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Thames. 8.30, Hawaii Five-O. 9.30, Thames. 11.25, Your Music at Night.

Yorkshire

12.00 am, Thames. 5.20 pm, Out of Town. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, Hawaii Five-O. 9.30, Thames. 11.25, Look Ahead.

Grampian

12.00 am, Thames. 2.00 pm, Housepatty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Dusty's Trail. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian News. 6.15, The Wednesday File. 7.00, Thames. 8.30, Kung Fu. 9.25, Thames. 10.30, Man in a Suitcase. 11.25, Evening Prayers.

Border

12.00 am, Thames. 5.20 pm, Circus. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, The Zoo Gang. 9.30, Thames. 11.25, Border News.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 5.20 pm, Professor Kitzel. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Kenneth McKellar. 7.00, Thames. 8.30, Grit. 9.30, Thames. 10.30, At Your Request. 11.0, Late Call. 11.05, A Place in Europe.

Thames

12.00 am, Rainbow. 12.15 pm, Rupert Bear. 12.30, Mr and Mrs. 1.00, First Report. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Rooms. 3.00, Racing from Epsom. 4.25, Captain Cook's Travels. 4.35, Baldmoney. 4.50, The Tomorrow People. 5.20, Dusty's Trail.

5.50 News.
6.00 Today.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 This is Your Life.
7.30 Coronation Street.
8.00 My Old Man.
8.30 Marcus Welby.
9.30 The Wackers.
10.00 News.
10.30 Football.
11.25 Checkmate.
11.55 Built as a City.

Tyne Tees

12.00, Thames. 5.20 pm, Woody Woodpecker. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today at Six. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, Hawaii Five-O. 9.30, Thames. 11.25, Late News Extra. 11.35, Headlines for God.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. 6.02, Simon Bates. 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Dave Lee Travis. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, David Hamilton. 5.00, Newsbeat. 5.15, Anne Nightingale. 7.00, Lucky 12. 7.30, Ring a Song. 8.02, Soccer Special. 10.02, Sport. 10.05, Jean Challis. 12.31 am, News.

† Stereo.

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6.00 am, As Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan.† 9.02, Tony Brandon.† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk). 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 2.02 pm, As Radio 1† 5.17, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, As Radio 1.

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7.00 am, News. 7.05, Rameau, Couperin, Pergolesi.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Delage, Bax.† 8.55, Sonnets. 9.00, News. 9.05, Clementi, Hummel.† 9.35, Music for Organ.† 10.15, Music to Shakespeare.† 11.30, Concert: Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Walton. 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, Mozart, Debussy.† 2.00, Wagner, Bruckner, Dvorak. 3.05, Chopin.† 3.55, In Repertory.† 5.00, Choral Evensong. 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, Study on 3: Vient de Paraître, part 5: On l'en parle boutique. 7.00, Kontakte, part 23: Was machen Sie den ganzen Tag? 7.30, Hugo Wolf: Concert.† 8.35, Scientifically Speaking. 9.20, Beethoven Sonatas: Piano recital.† 10.10, Wordsworth. 10.35, Dowland: Song recital.† 11.25, News.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 5.20 pm, ATV Today. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, Kung Fu. 9.30, Thames. 11.25, Father Paschal.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 5.20 pm, Dodo. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 7.00, Thames. 8.30, Hawaii Five-O. 9.30, Thames. 11.25, Southern News Extra. 11.35, Orson Welles. 12.05 am, Weather. Guideline.

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 5.15 pm, Betty Boop. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, The Doris Day Show. 7.00, Thames. 8.30, The Streets of San Francisco. 9.30, Thames. 11.25, Film, Prowler, with Patrick Holt.

Ulster

12.00, Thames. 5.20 pm, Survival. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, The Streets of San Francisco. 9.30, Thames.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming Today. 6.40, Prayer for the Day. 6.45, Today. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45-7.50, Thought for the Day. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.27, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, The Living World. 9.35, Frank Muir Goes Into... Heroism. 10.00, News. 10.05, In Britain Now. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story: On the Road. 11.00, News. 11.05, Round Britain Quiz: London v Northern Ireland. 11.30, Play: The Green Machine. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Brain of Britain 1975: Midlands and East Anglia. 1.00, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: The Element of Doubt. 4.00, News. 4.05, The Swineherd of Abbotsbury. 4.35, Story: Heavy Weather, part 3. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.50, Financial Report. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Twenty Questions. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, Celebration: Danny Kaye. 8.15, Play: Whirlpool. 9.00, Paul Robeson. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: The Mill on the Floss, part 5. 11.00, Financial World. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.30, News. 11.51, Inshore forecast.

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BIRTHS

BALME.—On 19th April to Jane (née Moore) and Anthony, now at the Maternity Home, Barton-on-Sea—a son (Charles).

BOOTH.—On April 21st, in Karachi, to Maureen (née Howell) and Roger—a son, a brother for Graham.

BOOTH.—On April 21st, at Leighton Hospital, Crewe, to Carol (née Logan) and Robin Booth, a son—Adam Robert William, brother for Hannah.

DICKINSON.—On 22nd April, to Charlotte (née Glover) and Simon Dickinson—a girl (Caroline Margaret Helen), sister for Matthew and Rupert.

DIPLOCK.—On April 14th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Linda (née Bartley) and Nicholas Diplock—a daughter, Kate.

GARTSIDE.—On 17th April at Birch Hill, Rochdale, to Jane (née Shields) and James Travis—a daughter (Anne Harriet).

HYNES.—On 21st April to Helen (de Burgh) and Michael of Hedstone House, Henfield—a son.

KINLOCH.—On April 21st to Gillian Anne (née Ashley) and Henry—a son.

MALIM.—On April 22nd, at Poole, to Jane (née Honour), wife of Richard—a daughter (Victoria Jane).

NOBLE.—On 21st April, 1975, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, to Antonia and David a daughter—Lucinda.

PLUMMER.—On April 21st at Mons, Belgium, to Anne (née Kininmonth) and Tony—a daughter.

POWER.—On April 22, at St. Mary's, Praed St., W.2, to Deborah (née Woolsey) and Julian Power—a son.

SPINK.—On 22nd April at St Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Fenella, wife of Anthony Spink—a daughter.

ZANE.—On April 22nd to Judith (née Levy) and David Zane—a son (Daniel Elliot), a brother for Natalie. Now in Lindo wing.

BIRTHDAYS

NESTA INGLIS.—With love and best wishes for her 80th birthday from all Old Tudorians.

MARRIAGES

BRENNEN : ROSKELL.—On April 19th, at St. Mary's Church, Cheadle, Cheshire, Michael Latham, elder son of the Rev. and Mrs. Colin Brennen, of Spennymoor, co. Durham, to Sarah Elizabeth, only daughter of Professor and Mrs. John S. Roskell, of Cheadle.

GARDNER : DUNCAN. — Gavin Andrew Gardner, of Burcote, Parkfield, Sevenoaks, Kent, to Katharine Wendy Duncan, on April 19th, at Tunbridge Wells, quietly.

OVERSTALL : NEVIN.—On 19th April, 1975 at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Greywell, Hampshire. Mark Overstall to Caroline Jill Nevin.

MARRIAGES

STRUTT : ROPER-CALDBECK. The marriage took place very quietly in London on April 22nd between Edward Alexander Strutt, Garlieston House, Garlieston, and Mrs Janet Roper-Caldbeck, West Mains, Wigtown.

RUBY WEDDINGS

COLLINS : PALMER.—On April 23, 1935, at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, Laurance Havelock Collins to Mary Helen Palmer. Present address: The Old Rectory, Aldbury, Tring, Hertfordshire.

WHITE : FELTHAM.—On St. George's Day, 23 April, 1935, at the Old Church, Pembury, Kent, John Henry White to Monica Feltham. Present address: 53 St. James's Drive, SW17 7RN.

GOLDEN WEDDING

REISS : CLEGG.—On April 23, 1925, at Bowdon Church, Denys Reiss to Elizabeth Gwenllian Clegg, now living at West Adderbury, near Banbury.

DEATHS

ANDERSON.—On April 21st, 1975, William Alexander of the Old Mill House, Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, husband of Sonia and father of Simon and Lisa Jane. Cremation private, memorial service, St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham, on Friday, 25th April, at 12 noon.

BAINBRIDGE.—On April 20th, 1975, Richard Edward of Kenya, in Dartmouth, husband of Claire and father of Jane and Susan. Service at the Catholic Church, Dartmouth, Thursday, April 24th, at 5.30 p.m.

COX.—On April 19, after much suffering, Derek Ernest, of 22 Park Crescent, London, W.1, aged 60, son of Henley Cox, 252 Laceby Road, Grimsby. Funeral at Laceby Road Methodist Church, Grimsby, at 11 a.m., Friday, April 25. No flowers. Funeral arrangements by Kettles, Granville Street, Grimsby.

FREEMAN.—On April 18, 1975, Muriel Theodora, of Stratford on Avon, aged 85. Devoted wife of the late Henry Alfred, beloved mother and grandmother. Cremation, 11.45 a.m., Friday, 25th April, at Wellesbourne, Warwick. Family flowers only.

GOLDMAN, A. P., SASHA AH PEH.—On Sunday, April 20, peacefully after a short illness, beloved husband of Phyllis, much respected and affectionate stepfather of David. Cremation, Friday, April 25, at 1 p.m., Chichester Crematorium. No flowers, please: donations to Cancer Research.

HALL.—On April 22nd, peacefully at Oxford, Ronald Owen, late of Hongkong, beloved husband of Nora, devoted father of Joe, Judith and Christopher and dear grandfather. Service at Lewknor, 11.15 a.m., on Friday. Garden flowers only. Thank offerings to H. K. D. A., 18 Burkes Rd., Beaconsfield.

HUNTER.—On April 21st, 1975, at Buckingham House, Brecon, Miriam, aged 94 years, daughter of Wm. S. Hunter, Gilling Castle, Yorkshire. Funeral service at Brecon Cathedral, on Thursday, April 24th, at 10.30 a.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

JACKSON.—On April 21, 1975, peacefully at a nursing home at Hythe, Kent, Constance Maude, of Stowting Common Farm, Stowting. Dearly loved wife of the late Harry Jackson, and dear mother of Ian. Service Barham Crematorium on Thursday, April 24th, at 10.30 a.m. Flowers to 1 Dymchurch Road, Hythe.

JOYCE.—On 22nd April, 1975, Frederick Joseph (Tim) of Ovingdean. Dearly loved by Joan Marguerite, Paul, Stevie and little Katie, by his brother, Arthur and by kin of the Butler and Levy families. Private cremation. Family flowers only.

MAIS.—On April 21, 1975, S. P. B. (Petre), peacefully at Lindfield, Sussex, in his 90th year. Cremation, on Thurs. 24 at 4.30, Worth.

MOORE.—On April 21st, 1975, at the Jubilee Hospital, Woodford Green, Peggy, deeply loved wife of Dr John Moore and mother of Anthea, Louise and Elizabeth. Funeral at City of London Crematorium, at 2 p.m. on Friday, 25th April. No flowers, any donations to The Abbeyfield Society, High Street, Wanstead, E.11.

MYRES.—On 21st April, Miles Roderick Whitelocke, peacefully after a long illness. Funeral service at Sturmer Parish Church, near Haverhill, Suffolk, on Thursday, April 24th, at 11 a.m. and cremation at Cambridge at 12.30 p.m. No flowers, by request.

PARRY.—On April 21st, 1975, Cyril Parry, D.F.C., Ch.Eng., F.I.C.E., F.I.Struct.E., peacefully at his home, Pennyfathers, Harmer Green, Welwyn, Herts. Cremation at Garston, Watford, on Friday, April 25th at 1.30 p.m. Flowers to Geo. W. Blow and Sons Ltd., Funeral Directors, Welwyn.

POLLOCK.—On 20th April, Robert Buchanan, of Railers, Waldron, Heathfield, died. He was so loved by Kay (Kathleen), Giles and Rachall and his many friends. Dear son-in-law of Norah Roper. Memorial service at All Saints Church, Waldron, on Friday, 25th April, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only.

RIDDELL.—On 22nd April, 1975, peacefully after a long illness, Agnes (Mickey) Riddell of The Mount, Bishops Down, Tunbridge Wells. Much loved wife of John and mother of Peter and Anne. Cremation at the Kent & Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells, on Friday, 25th April at 10.30 a.m. Flowers may be sent to R. W. Weekes Ltd.

ROUGHEAD.—On April 22nd, 1975, William Nicol, of The Albany, Piccadilly, London. Funeral service at Mortlake crematorium on Monday, 28th April at 10.20 a.m. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon, 81 Westbourne Grove, W.2.

SAUNDERS-KNOX-GORE.—On April 21, 1975, peacefully in Spain, aged 86, Col. William Arthur Cecil, D.S.O., of 3 Windsor Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, dearly loved husband of Julia, father of Zo, grandfather of William, Charles and Jane and great grandfather of Jemma. Buried 22nd April Fuengirola.

SHEPHERD.—On April 22, Colin Bevan, M.C., peacefully at Stourmouth after a short illness, husband of Mary and father of Carole, Richard and Sctlla. Cremation at Barham on Friday, April 25 at 4 p.m.

DEATHS

SHEPHERD.—On April 19th after a mercifully short illness, Thomas Cropper Ryley Shepherd, beloved husband of Peggy and much loved father of Bridget, Colin, Peter and Nigel. Family funeral at Bridstow, 25th April. Service of Thanksgiving for his life at St. Mary's Parish Church, Ross on Wye, at 3 p.m. on Friday, 2nd May. No flowers by request. Donation if wished to Cancer Research Campaign, 2 Carlton House Ter., London, S.W.1. Enquiries to Bevan & Son, Ross on Wye 2092.

TAHTA.—On 21st April, 1975, in hospital after a long illness, Hasmig Bercuhi, beloved wife of Kevork, and dear mother of Dickran and Hilary Haig and Sonia. Service, St Sarkis Armenian Church, Iverna Gardens, W.8, Thursday, 24th April, 3 p.m.

WALWIN JONES, DENNIS M.C.—On April 21st, suddenly after heart attacks in London. Funeral service Monday, April 28th, 3.45 p.m., Putney Vale Cemetery. Flowers to Harrods, 81 Westbourne Grove, W.2.

WESTRUP.—On April 21, peacefully, at home, Jack Allan, beloved husband of Solveig and much loved father and grandfather. Family only. Flowers to Parsons of Farnham, 86 East Street, Farnham, Surrey.

WHIDBORNE.—On 21st April, 1975, after a brave struggle, Linda Beverley, aged 30, darling wife of Dick, much loved daughter of Cyril and Bronson Shorwood and devoted mother of Nicholas and James. Private cremation at Torquay, followed by a service at Leusdon, nr Ashburton on Friday, 25th April, 1975 at 3 p.m.

WHITE.—On April 19, 1975 at The Royal Hospital, Portsmouth, Hilda Alexandra Dorothy of 107 Chichester Rd., Portsmouth. Funeral service, Church of the Ascension, Stubbington Ave., Portsmouth, Fri., 25th April at 2.30 p.m.

WILLIS.—On April 19th, 1975, in Dublin, Hilda Mabel, widow of Reverend William Ireton Willis, formerly Vicar of Clonmel, and last surviving child of the late John and Emily Scroggie, of Ealing. Funeral on Monday, 28th April, at 2.30 p.m., at the Westminster Cemetery, Hanwell. Flowers to Leverton & Sons Ltd., of 212 Eversholt Street, N.W.1.

TYRER.—George Dugdall, on 21st April, husband of Marjorie and father of Nicola.

FUNERAL

WATSON.—The funeral service of the late Dr John N. Watson, of Wootton Bassett, will now take place on Friday, April 25 at 2 p.m. and not Thursday as previously arranged.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BRISTOW, ROY. A thanksgiving service for the life of Mr Roy Bristow will be held at St. Vedast, alias Foster, Foster Lane, E.C.2, on Monday, 12th May, at 1.15 p.m.

CARTER.—A service in memory of Joan Waynflete Carter will be held on Monday, May 5, in Eton College Chapel at 2.15 p.m.

HIGGS-VICTOR.—Memorial Service Brentwood School Chapel, Wednesday, May 7th, at 4.30 p.m.

HOLLAND.—A memorial service for Lady Olivia Holland will be held at 12 noon, Friday, 9th May in Chichester Cathedral.

LISTER.—A memorial service will be held for Arthur Lister, FRCS, at St. Mark's Church, Hamilton Terrace, NW8 at 12 noon, Wednesday, May 14.

IN MEMORIAM

DREW.—In loving memory of Flying Officer Douglas M. Drew, RAF, killed in action over Germany on St George's Day, 1944. Per Ardua ad Astra.

HATTON, BRIAN.—Artist, 2nd Lieutenant, Worcestershire Yeomanry, killed at Oghratina, Easter Sunday, April 23, 1916, aged 28. "The Utmost for the Highest".

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ERSKINE.—In affectionate and grateful remembrance of an outstanding colleague and friend, Keith David Erskine, who died on 23rd April, 1974. The partners and staff of Hextall Erskine and Co.

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SCHUMANN.—In ever loving memory of Elisabeth Schumann, who died April 23, 1952. All who knew, or heard her will never forget her.

STEVENI.—Remembered with love especially today our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Missed by us all. Helen. Elisabeth. Barbara. Leonie.

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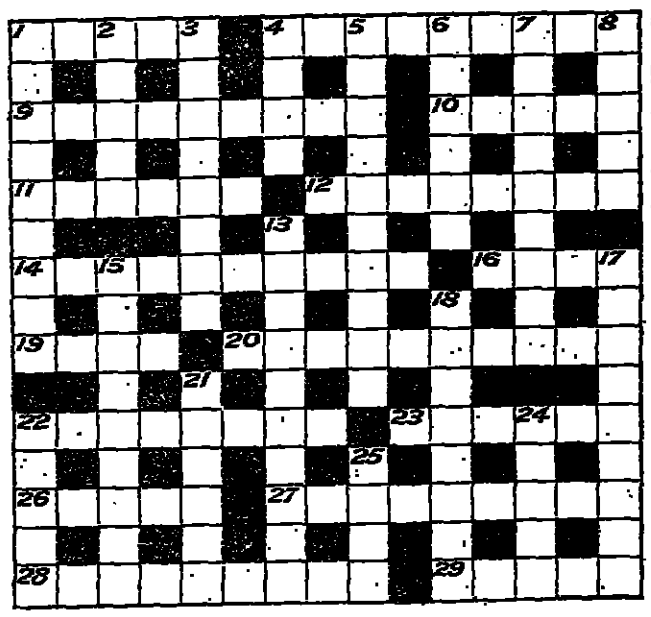


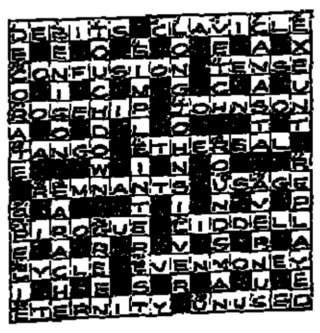
ACROSS

1 Husky humour (5).
4 Form of government for Queen Bess—turned out of the Realm? (9).
9 Does not agree with wars (9).
10 Entered (in reverse order) for the bar (5).
11 Oriental thinker goes back to begin again (6).
12 Plan race differently in a manner of speaking (8).
14 He's starry-eyed, if fatalistic (10).
16 Deceive Will Somers for instance (4).
19 Author of Great Expectation? (4).
20 Poet whose words, though light, have much weight (10).
22 Leaves the north-east greyer, oddly enough (8).
23 Fabulous chaperon (6).
26 Stay for the goose-step? (5).
27 What the majority do in answer to "How many wickets down?" (9).
28 Like arms welcoming one for a picnic (9).
29 Harris's river (5).

DOWN

1 Prepare to shoot a fish—an orthopterous type (9).
2 Lady pawnbrokers? (5).
3 Disc of the Month (4, 4).
4 But more than a bird can take in a mouthful (4).
5 Reading Old and New (10).
6 Boiled by Dr Spooner, about to go for a spin (6).
7 Origin of High Church music? (5-4).
8 It goes back on the tenth (5).
13 Annoying—but not to everybody? (10).
15 Something kept under Ministerial bowlers (3, 6).
17 Landing here he leaves and changes for the city (9).
18 One way of eye-washing? (4-4).
21 Soldiers on foot should be part of it (6).
22 Blast! Nothing but enjoyment? (5).
24 Clark was one of seven in Hawthorne's house (5).
25 Horses that can make an impression on the Turf (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 13,974



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RHH The Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables,
West Hill, Putney,
London SW15 3SW.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

MRS JOSEPH CLEPS and family wish to thank sincerely all relatives, friends and business associates for their most kind thoughts and condolences which have been a great comfort following their sad bereavement. "Fontana", 31 Sloane Street, S.W.1.

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EDWARDS. WILLIAM EDWARDS, late of 63 St. Catherine Street, Carmarthen, died at Carmarthen, on 14th July, 1974. (Estate about £2,000.)

INSHAW née **DARBY.** MIRIAM FLORENCE INSHAW née DARBY, widow, late of 13 The Firs, Fallows Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham 11, died at Birmingham, on 13th September, 1974. (Estate about £3,000.)

KAYE née **SCHNEIDER.** MARIA KAYE née SCHNEIDER, widow, late of 16 Longstone Road, Eastbourne, Sussex, died there on 13th May, 1973. (Estate about £11,000.)

KEELING née **MORRIS.** KATHLEEN KEELING née MORRIS, widow late of 6a Redfern Road, London, N.W.10, died there on 19th July, 1973. (Estate about £2,600.)

OXENBURY. JAMES GEORGE OXENBURY, late of 10 Yeo Close, Bettws Estate, Newport, Gwent, died at Griffiths Town, Monmouthshire, on 25th November, 1973. (Estate about £3,000).

PHILLIPS née **MATTHEWS.** DOREEN VIVIEN PHILLIPS otherwise DOREEN VIVIAN PHILLIPS née MATTHEWS, widow, late of 20 Churchgate Street, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, died there on 22nd November, 1974. (Estate about £3,900.)

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FURS at [illegible] Bouquet [illegible] Amelia [illegible]

FOR CHRIS BARBER'S DRUMMER [illegible] "Two so full and bright, Such eyes" Tennyson. D.M. I.O.W.

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COMMITTEE

Mr. F. R. Brown, Mr. D. G. Clark, Mr. F. W. Millett, Mr. C. G. A. Paris, Mr. N. P. Scott and Mr. M. J. K. Smith retire by rotation from the Committee on the 30th September, 1975.

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